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WEATHER Hot and SUMMY

The sun is shining. It's a beautiful day. Inflation is falling. And...

I've had a bellyful

DONALD MACINTYRE and COLIN BROWN

After a week of simmering private anger, John Major finally erupted in frustration vesterday. Surrounded by disloyal MPs. intrigues and the open hostility of Lady Thatcher, he declared: "I've had a bellyful." In perhaps the most spectacular piece of Prime Ministerial understatement since Macmillan referred to a "little local difficulty" he complained about the "noises off" to which he is daily subjected by his own party.

He contrasted the mid-June weather outside the pavilion in Porthcawl, where he was speaking to the Welsh party faithful with the storms raging in the party. "The sun is shining. It's a beautiful day. The political mood is changing. Inflation is falling. The economy is growing. People are beginning to feel

 But then, as so often before, he swiftly turned to party indiscipline: "There's no time for distractions. We need to go out there, onto the doorsteps, all of us, and put our case."

He has said the same sort of thing, vear after year, at conference after conference. But no-one seems to have been listening. The parliamentary party does not expect that it will suddenly pull together. The press don't expect it. And perhaps, in his heart scripted parts of his speech to dysfunctional family the Tory



John Major: Surrounded by disloyal MPs

of hearts, Mr Major no longer

But he plugged on, seeking to remind the Conservative Party and the voters that a Labour victory would throw away the economic recovery over which he was presiding. Labour's changes would be "irreversible" - a clear warning to those in the party who believe they can regain power after a period in opposition.

In an interview for the *Best*em Mail. Mr Major said: "I am not going to be distracted by noises off on one side or noises off from the other side. I have had a bellyful of that."

But he devoted the un- now is the seeming incurably

pleading with his party not to be distracted by their civil war over Europe. "Don't let that important debate drift into individual clashes. Whatever the shades of opinion there are in the Conservative Party about the future of European policy, it is nothing compared to the distinctions between our policy and the policy of our opponents in the Labour and the Liberal parties. "We will need to fight together to win our arguments

at home and in Europe." There is something heroic about yet another primeministerial appeal for unity. But the controls seem to be seizing up now; the levers are no longer responding as they once did.

After seeing 78 of his back-benchers defy him on Europe, after seeming to have less influence on his own party than a billionaire businessman with an obsession about Europe and not a political credential to his name, after being outrageousundermined by his predecessor, he must surely have had his worst week since he came into office six long years

But each week now seems like the worst week. He has had a bellyful, all right, but it is, as he well knows, much, much, worse than mere "noises off." For what we are witnessing

party has become. Not even in its darkest days of civil war in the very early 1980s did the Labour Party contain so many nien and women prepared publicly to behave as if they had giv en up any hopes of winning the general election ahead.

The defeatism shows in every echelon of the party, from the activists who have seen their base on often well-run local councils destroyed by the unpopularity of the Government, to those Cabinet ministers now quietly dressing to the right in a repositioning for the real struggle they see ahead: the one for the soul and leadership of the Tory party which will follow its general election defeat.

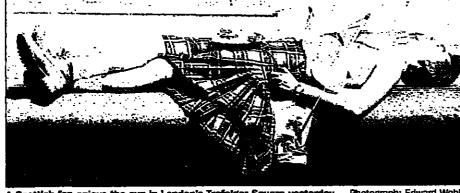
But it is in the parliamentary party, above all, that the defeatism is evident. The common stance is that of "every man for himself." MPs who know in their heart that it is electorally suicidal to highlight their divisions on Europe week after week, troop into a division lobby against the Government to try to ensure that Sir James Goldsmith does not put up a candidate in their own con

Two Mrs are prepared to threaten the Government's survival to secure the retention of The national survival of the party has now been subordinated to that of individual MPs - and hang the rest.



in the monastery which has been inhabited since it was the monastery and introduce modern methods to the library

A Byzantine painting of Saint Gregory of Nazianus compos-ing a sermon, one of the 4,500 manuscripts in the library of the monastery of Saint Catherine in Sinai. Twenty monks live stablished by the Emperor Justinian in 550. Prince Charles yesterday launched a foundation which hopes to raise hundreds of millions of dollars to restore the buildings of



Broken lace that turned a Englishman into a Scot

PHIL SHAW

There will not be many with Anglo-Scottish identity crises at Wembley this afternoon, but one of the players in the historic European Championship encounter between the two home countries will know all about

split loyalties. Stuart McCall, who marked his 32nd birthday on Monday with a stirring display for Scotland against the Netherlands. has red hair, stocky stature and a spiky style that mark him out as Scottish. Yet he was born and but for a "lucky escape" 12 years

McCall's parents hail from Hamilton. His father played for Blackpool before settling in Yorkshire. Young Stuart grew up supporting Leeds United and played for the city boys' teams, but he always "felt

One day in 1984 he was in the both after training when the club secretary came in. "He said: 'Good news - Alex Ferguson's picked you for Scotland Under- them. prove it. And he would have back saying: Even better news!

been forever English in the eyes of the football authorities the England Under-21s'." McCall was pressed for an instant decision. Trevor Cherry, his manager at Bradford and a

former England player, nudged McCall towards England. "So I picked England. Yet as I went home I thought: 'How can I possibly play for them against Scotland? Jock Stein rang to wish me well then said I'd have been perfect for Scot-land. But I thought it would be too awkward to change my mind so I went to Turkey with

bred in Leeds. He has the accent and cricketing allegiance to

21s. I was so proud. But a few minutes later the secretary was from the bench, he heard the

How 'Mr Copper' became the world's biggest fraud

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Yasuo Hamanaka was not best known for charisma. With his steel- rimmed glasses and grey flannel suits, he was a generic senior Japanese salaryman. Nor do non-ferrous metals sound, on the face of it, the most glamorous of commodities. But his confidence and his power to move this market were unmatched. So, it turns out, was nis colossal dishonesty.

We have had Nick Leeson. the trader who brought down Barings. Then came Toshihide lguchi, a New York-based dealer awaiting sentence. Now the league table of rogue traders is topped by a new name. Mr Hamanaka, one of the world's most feared and respected copper traders, has left the mighty global Sumitomo Corporation trading company with losses totalling \$1.8bn (£1.2bn). The Serious Fraud Office in London vesterday announced an urgent investigation into Sumitomo's affairs.

Just a few years ago, Mr TURN TO PAGE TWO 1991 gave its star trader a dou- prices), and "Mr Five Percent" with a brilliant short cut: Sum-

as saving that the preeminent position of Sumitomo Corporation in copper trading is attributable to "expertise in risk" management". At this point, according to the latest accusations against him. Mr Hamanaka had been carrying on his illegal trade, completely undetected, for five years.

Lecson (\$1.4bn) and Iguchi (\$1.1bn) became notorious only after the event, when the details of their private lives were picked over with equal relish by the British tabloids and their oriental equivalent, Japan's weekly magazines. But in the world of copper trading Mr Hamanaka has long been a legend. Once, the story goes, a spec-

ulator in one London market became so frustrated with his financial heft that he punched out the window of the public gallery. Various nicknames accrued to Mr Hamanaka during his 26-year career at Sumitomo, only some of them printable: "Mr Copper", "Hammer" Hamanaka was a business hero. (from his name, and the pow-The Sumitomo annual report of er he was said to command over

ble page spread of his own, com- (from the share of the copper itomo could control the flow of plete with glossy portraits and adulatory profile. He is quoted to control). Mr Hamanaka is said to have particularly prized this last tag, which was originally applied to a very different businessman - the great Armenian oil magnate Calouste Gulbenkian. This perhaps provides the key to his character and to the whole affair, which looks more and more like a morality

tale of corporate arrogance. Mr Hamanaka's public ut-terances reinforce this sense of impregnable hubris. "There are various rumours and slanders against me." he told an interviewer in 1991, "although I am getting used to them." Sumitomo was founded in the

early 17th century as a supplier of copper to Japan's shoguns But in the post-war period it had fallen behind its competitiors in the market for non-ferrous metals. Unlike its rivals among the massive Japanese corporations, Mitsubishi and Mitsui, Sumitomo had no copper mines of its own and thus no access to the raw material. According to employees in rival trading compa-Yasuo Hamanaka trumped them by coming up

metal through the market by investing in copper futures and options - contracts to buy or sell a quantity of a commodity at a specified date in the future. By the early 1990s the strat-

egy had paid off handsomely. Sumitomo became the biggest copper trader in the world. But when the 1980s boom came to an end, nowhere was it felt more acutely than in Japan. Soaring property prices had fuelled a lending boom; when the bubble economy burst, the banks wer saddled with numberless loa that could never be repaid: e timates range from 40 trillie yen (£24.2bn) upwards.

The cost of the bubble has a fected Japan's business cultur exposing crime and huge frau The problem was starkly po yesterday by Seiroku Kajiyan the Chief Cabinet Secreta and official spokesman of the Japanese government. "Th moral fibre of all Japanese h deteriorated and they have b come desensitised about mo cy," he said apocalyptically. cannot help but express dec concern that such tendencie have become widespread."

Brown, Robin Cook and Donaid Dewar would all be members of a Blair-led "inner Cabinet" is provided by their being awarded Privy Councillorships in the Queen's Birthday Honours today. The list, pages 8,9

Blair 'inner cabinet'

Nightmare returns

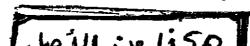
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SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Afriend of the convicted rapist Owen Oyalon, Peter Amartin, systematically raped and abused trenaged girls for

more than 13 years, a court was told yesterday. Mr

Martin. 56, a former policeman, recruited young girls to his Manchester model agency and forced them to have violent

Helen Grindrod, for the prosecution, said girls as young as 11 and 12 were taken by their mothers to Mr Martin's agency, where he allegedly videotuped them as they stripped naked to be weighed. Police discovered 482 such videos behind an

They were also allegedly forced to have violent sex with him at his home in Sale. Cheshire. They would have their hair pulled.

at his name in Sale, Chesture. They would have their than policid, faces slapped and sometimes be bound and gagged – and all the while being told they enjoyed the pain. Mrs Grind girls alleged Mr Martin, of Sale, Chesture, demics raping eight girls, and six charges of indecent assault, five of which allegedly involved on girls under the age of 16. The trial continues.

The Dumblane inquiry excused a missing girl from giving evidence yesterday after hearing how she had been trapped in hell since the massacre. Victoria Hagear, 15.

trispped in hell since the massacre. Victoria Haggar, 15, disappeared from her Aberdeen home last Saturday. She had written to the inquiry chairman, Lord Cullen, saying she had meintmares about Thomas Hamilton. The terror returned when Hamilton killed 16 children and their teacher in March.

The girl find accompanied her mother when she went to a camp ar Locki Lomond in 1983 run by Hamilton. Victoria's brother, Andrew, was attending the camp and their mother told the inquiry she went along to keep an eye on Hamilton. Yesterday Ian Bonomy QC, for the Crown, told the inquiry in Stirling that Victoria's evidence was covered by other winesses and Lord Cullen said she would not have to attend.

Grampian Police said yesterday that Victoria was still missing although it was hoped she would now return home.

An a book of poems left at mother's house last Saturday. Victoria said she was "trapped in a private hell".

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air vent, she said.

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Forum proves a pedant's paradise

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DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

The Northern Ireland political forum, whose 110 members emerged from last month's election, yesterday took a leisurely three and a half hours to conduct two minor items of business.

Meeting in the distinctly unparliamentary surroundings of a converted department store near Belfast city centre, the mood of delegates was more comic than rancorous.

But instead of responding to the admonition of the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, to show itself as "a force for reconciliation and healing, the meeting proved to be a procedural pedants' paradise. geg" - a largely good-natured flashed to the surface only oc- on something."



WELDLES HE SHALES

REDALER'S BOX NO: --

Long talk: Ian Paisley (standing) makes a point to John Gorman, the forum's interim chairman (left) yesterday

The light hand of interim and entertaining knockabout. casionally, but interminable

Although the forum propoints of order led to the plainvides members to the main tive appeal from Mr Gorman: talks process, it has itself no leg-"I want to try and end the first islative, administrative or ex-Stormont earlier in the week day of the forum with a decision ecutive powers. Its political importance is further dimin-

ished by the fact that Sinn Fein boycotts its meetings.

By the end of the first session the forum finally managed to decide the make-up of its rules

The lackson is the BBC's new director of The levision. The appointment for the current controller of BBC2 is the last of the senior appointments expected in the water of list week's radical reorganisation. Mr Jackson will also be controller of BBC1, and take responsibility for co-ordinating strategy across the two channels. His successor at BBC2 will be appointed following a competition.

The smoon center of blows confirmation this week that Alan Yenton, currently controller of BBC1, will become director of brown and proposed the production with a conscibility for Photograph: Brian Little

of programmes at BBC Production, with responsibility for programme making across the corporation. Mathew Horsman.

Ops are back on collision course with ministers over the kinne of their work. By an overwhelming majority, the annual conference of local medical committees - which represents Offa - voted to seek a new "core" contract which would exclude work already undertaken by GPs unless they were paid extra for doing it. They also insisted that GPs must be employed individually and not in groups, should not be employed by NHS firests and should continue to operate on

a nationally agreed contract.

The decisions came despite this week's proposals from Stephen Dorsell, the Secretary of State for Health, to pave the way for more varied general practice. Family doctors, he is proposing could be employed in a wide range of ways to soil local commistances. He is most unlikely, however, to agree a national core commact, with GPs seeking to cut back on existing workload for the same pay. Nicholas Timmins

I I sake & Spercer dismayed Euro-sceptics by placing I I advertisements in French papers saying that it was still not say frinch beet by products in its French stores, just days after the ELL agreed to ease its ban on them. M&S is seen by the French as an icom of all that is British, and its very public amornic patent, was seen by many as a vote of no attended in the products which the Grovermoent insists are still. The Euro-sceptic lay M&S is Teidly Taylor described the add as Tinfortunate and said that M&S is Bruish customers would feel Tier down.

Profits that came from thin air will be appealing against the rul-ing. Its lawyer Charles Buckle-A pays £2,500 to Titan and then recruits B, C and D, How the pyramid works

MICHAEL STREETER

A "pyramid-style" selling scheme which involves no prod-A "pyramid-style" selling scheme which involves no product was suspended by the High Chancellor of the Exchequer's Court yesterday after a judge ruled it was an "unlawful lottery". Sir Richard Scott said the ven-Patrick Minford, one of the "six wise men" who advise the Trea-

ture run by German-based Titan Business Club was "highly unsatisfactory, highly suspicious and thoroughly undestrable". He ordered that no further "revivalist-style" meetings be held to promote Titan until the court hears a Department of Trade a sustainable basis. and Industry application to have the organisation wound-up.

The ruling means that a number of new investors could face senior economic advisers said he was being paid to restructure the scheme which was introduced to Britain last October. Professor

chairman John Gorman of the

Ulster Unionist Party turned the

meeting into what in Northern

Ireland parlance is known as "a

sury, said he thought the "snow-ball plan" run by Titan and which has 9,000 United Kingdom investors could be run on SHV Senator of Hamburg, which runs the venture, said it

ty said it was an "excellent" scheme which was pioneering a new form of investment. The Titan programme involves an initial investor laying out £2,500 in cash - though this is rising to £3,000 - once he or

she is accepted by a management meeting. The original investor makes money by persuading another person to oin. For the first two successful referrals the investor receives £450 each, but for a third person the investor steps up to the status of "senior partner", or "wholesaler", and is paid £450, plus £770. The remaining money - £1,280 - goes back to Titan and its senior staff.

The bitterness which sur-faced among Unionist parties in

the formal negotiating talks at

For each of the people persuaded to join who then persuades someone else, the initial investor will receive £770 which is how investors are supposed to make their profits.

Sir Richard said that Titan was bound to fail one day and those last to join would lose their money. The judged added that he was bound by legal precedent to rule that the scheme was a "lottery" because of its snowball nature and conceded that there had been no

Englishman

into a Scot

words he had begun dreading:

"You're going on."
Had he played, he would never have been able to wear the Scottish shirt. McCall asked

how much time was left. "Three

land didn't want me because they thought I could affect the

game, but as an insurance pol-ky. If I came good later they

Desperate, he drifted off be-hind the goal, warming up. The

bench screamed. He pretended

not to hear. Bobby Mimms, an-

other substitute, was dispatched

to bring him back to the

lost a shin-pad - more delaying tactics. "They were saying:

'Quick, let's get you on' and I edged to the touchline. Just then the ref blew for time. I breathed

McCall rose to play for Glas-

gow Rangers, where he is cur-rently the team mate of Paul

Gascoigne, although the two

men have put their friendship in abeyance until after the final

"It's the biggest internation-

al I'm ever going to play in, so

friendship goes out of the win-

dow until quarter to five," Mc-

"Then me and Gazza will go back to being pals." And, he

hopes, to being on the winning side, thanks to a last-minute

change of identity and a broken

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a massive sigh of relief."

whistle this afternoon.

Call said.

There he snapped a tie-up,

could claim me as theirs."

"That was what got me. Eng-

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minutes."

A gets £450 each from B and C with the rest of the money going to Titan. W A recruits his third member D he becomes a "senior partner" and gets £450 plus £770, the rest goes to Titan. He has nothing further to do with B and C. When D recruits two people he gets £450 for each, easses on £770 to A and the rest to Titan. With his third recruit he in turn becomes a £1,280 to Titan) £1;280 to Titan)

fraud or swindle of the public. But despite his concern over the scheme, it would be wrong to

appoint a provisional liquidator as the DTI had also sought. Many investors last night said they were "devastated" by the verdict. Dec Cluskey, of the 1960s chart-topping pop group the Bachelors, said later: "A lot of showbusiness 'names' are

now members and we love it. are all professional people Today's judgment is a great pity. I think Titan is one of the best entrepreneurial schemes I have ever seen."

Another investor, a management consultant who wished to be known only as Mr Hussain, said: "There is a great deal of skill in keeping in touch with all your junior partners. We

who are being denied one of the best opportunities to make

money to come to this country." Last night the Liberal De-mocrat MP David Rendel, who described the scheme as an iniquitous pyramid-selling scam", welcomed the ruling and said he hope the scheme

would be wound up soon.

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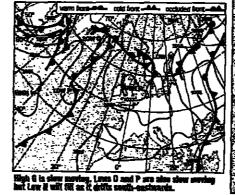
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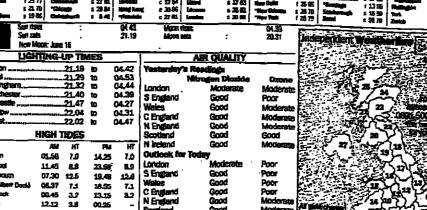
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Racing dog (7)

2 Muse of love poetry

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Boyar, 4 Acer (Boy racer), 8 Records, 9 Lilac, 10 Mill, 11 Daughter, 12 Daguerreotype, 15 Backbone, 17 Fret, 20 Lager, 21 Charity, 22 Trio, 23 Robot, DOWN: 1 Backbog, 2 Yard, 3 Restaurant car, 4 Allegro, 5 Eciat, 6 Prom, 7 Scarce, 12 Dabble, 13 Embargo, 14 Yorkist, 16 Cigar, 18 Toys, 19 Lamb.

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Out and about with AA Road

As a child you are abused, but it is only as an adult and the guilt, self-hatred and anger start to eat away at you'

Charlotte, a successful PR consultant, was trying to exorcise the ghosts of a terrifying past when news of an imminent inquiry into child sex abuse brought back painful memories

Yesterday I was untouchable, in ballroom dancing, spurred on by control, running a successful fi-nancial marketing consultancy. I created campaigns, juggled apmeet grey-suited men who wanted my help to produce leads. I enjoyed the stress, and fought off the competition. Above all I was strong, I was a woman in a corporate suit, earning respect in a maledominated industry.

Yesterday I woke up and heard the news of the new child abuse inquiry and I heard of the victims, their suicides. Suddenly I was a child all over again, hurting and crying like a vulnerable infant abandoned in the middle of a busy road with fast cars approaching from every direction to knock me down. I was terrified as it all came flooding back to haunt me. It was probably more than a year ago now that I last had

one of these "lapses", but this time it was just so much more painful. It was too real, too close to home, and I realised no amount of corporate clothing Sould protect me today.

As a child you are abused, but is only as an adult that the real suffering comes through and the orture of guilt, self-hatred and inger start to eat away at you.

ar: As one of the victims, my life is one consumed by an over--vhelming aggression, a thirst for lestruction or, more accuratey, self-destruction, which rips way at me. At night, when I leep I try to escape it ali, but he dreams just keep coming

Like the victims on the radio roadcast, eight years ago too attempted suicide. Inroughout university I spent tree years pursuing my deathish, trying to destroy the hateil person that I was. My third nd last suicide attempt instinionalised me for a while and, ut for the hospital apparatus, might not have had this secnd chance at life - but I nevregret it. Even now I see it s just another failure. As one I my succession of therapists colained over the years. I was agry. I took the gun and turned through 180 degrees and shot ryself. In reality I wanted to noot him, my abuser, the ma ho had so irrevocably changed whole life through his own erverted and selfish needs, all Tose years ago - when I was too rung to know any better. I wish could accept that today, but en now, almost 30 years old.

feel the guilt of letting it appen and I hate myself so sperately. It all began around the time my 12th birthday, when I took y first steps into competitive a pushy but proud mother.

At school I was an achiever, top-stream in all subjects and with a bright future laying ahead, but it was my dancing that I lived for, that I loved. A year later it all began to change. My dance teacher, whom I had respected and admired, became my mother's secret lover. One night I heard their screams and their lovemaking behind the door of a holiday chalet, where I was also staying with my

dance partner, in preparation for the competition the next day. In the morning the nightmare began. Sam, my middle-aged, grey-haired, married dance teacher started to undress his "little star" and then, to touch her and squeeze her and force

her to caress him back. "Don't tell anyone about our little secret, no one needs to know," he used to say, and so it continued. Again and again, at every opportunity, at every dance competition, in every

.'Don't tell anyone about our little secret, no one needs to know,' he used to say, and so it continued

dance lesson, he would touch more, ask me to kiss him more and demand more. I didn't fight it, I couldn't tell my mother as she loved him and she would not have believed me anyway, I couldn't tell my father as I didn't want him to split up with my mother or stop my

So I let him do it to me, again and again, sometimes crying through it but always his "little star". When he called my dancing friends by the same name it made me shiver to think there may be more like me, living this itmare too.

In an effort to stop him, to take away my slim, girlish body with its smooth adolescent curves, I resolved to diet - obsessively. A year later, weighing withdrawn, I still hadn't succeeded in stopping him.

The only option left was to give up my dancing career, to prevent my mother having an excuse to see him and to cut him out my life for good. My mother screamed at me, when I told more, he loves you".

All the time, I wondered

whether she ever had any idea

Probably not.

My life from then on has been a constant fight to find anything about myself which I could like. My adolescence saw the start of eight years in which I continued to mirt and punish myself, destroying my body with anorexia and bulimia. I took a radio into our family bathroom and vomited away the food and the pain, loving the thrill of taking my ugly body away, hid-

ing it from male eyes.

My periods stopped completely for over six years, and even now are barely restored not that I cared. I never wanted to be a woman, I hated them. They were like my mother, they were cheap sluts with hor-rible lovers who abused little girls. Consequently my prob-lems with accepting women and respecting them have lingered on, even today.

Almost 16 years after it all be-an you would think I would have "got over it" but you never do. Even now I see a therapist, but fortunately I have a very loving partner and good friends who help too. Last year I was sterilised when it was discovered that the damages I had done to myself had made pregnancy and potential comlications too great. Now I bave to live with that, but I blame him, wherever he is now, whoever he is abusing now What angers me most is the fact that he is still out there, probably doing the same thing all

I often think that if I had a gun I would have killed him by now, or my mother, whichever was easiest. They have destroyed so much of my life that it almost seems incongruous to see how successful I am now.

To beat them, you have to fight back. I have learned to live a life where every day I must continue that fight - for acceptance at work; for respect from my colleagues and just to have something to keep me going, to prevent me failing all over again, to make me turn away from the pills staring at me in the bathroom cabinet.

No one, except the abused, wanting to escape from it all, but death is too easy an option.

Child abuse kills, it almost killed me, but as an adult I have learnt to fight back. Tonight I will turn on the radio and listen to the broadcasts, to the abuse inquiry commentaries, but now her. "You're doing this to hurt I will know that I have shared me, why don't you like him any-my pain with you and perhaps some of my guilt will be just that little bit easier to handle.

Letters, page 13 Mr Hague, who will make a Mr Hague as a result of an



Looking forward, looking back: Every day Charlotte struggles to escape the pain of years of childhood abuse

Hague to publish fresh child abuse report

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

William Hagne, Secretary of State for Wales, is to publish a fresh report into child abuse in it could happen again unless

QU staff. The report by Adrianne Jones, a former director of social services in Birmingham, concludes that more work is needed if the failures highlighted in the earlier Jillings report into the scandal in children's homes in Clwyd are

not to be repeated.

Monday announcing the details of the judicial review into the Clwyd affair, will give details of the terms of reference and the name of a senior legal figure to head the inquiry. Stephen Dor-Health, will announce in a separate written answer details of a national review into procedures in children's homes to combat abuse, which is to be

headed by Sir William Utting. It was the report by Ms Jones which proved decisive in the Cabinet's decision on Thursday to go ahead with the judicial inquiry and the wider national review. It was commissioned by

earlier examination by Nicola Davies QC of failures in Clwyd homes to protect children. Ms Jones looked at the abuse issue in homes in both Clywd and neighbouring Gwynedd, which has not been the subject of any Commons on Monday that the

Jillings report, commissioned by Clwyd County Council, was signed by no one, failed to make clear how the evidence had been gathered, and was so "peppered" with libellous allegations against staff that it could not be published.

He had sent it back to the successor authorities who replaced Clwyd County Council

a way of getting it published. The matter came to a head when they decided they were not going to release it. "That is quiry," a senior government source said. Mr Hague overcame early reluctance from other departments for a full public inquiry. He received the Jones report a week ago and briefed a Cabinet committee on Thesday

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ganisation and told them to find

which gave the initial recommendation to the Cabinet for the inquiry and review to go ahead. The Jones report is about the present and the future

not say [the abuse] is still going on but it cannot guarantee that it isn't," the source said. "It will say things have improved a lot but more needs to be done. It

quiry at the Cabinet on Thursday and announced it in Prime Minister's Questions. Mr Hague, who has been praised for his decisive action, was finalising the details for the inquiry while he was in Porthcawl Mid Glamorgan, yesterday for the Welsh Tory conference. He will set out the background and terms of reference, and the Labour authorities are unlikerather than the past. It says we ly to emerge unscathed.

Motorists given smog warning

ged motorists not to take to e roads this weekend, if they ive cars not fitted with catytic converters, because a assive cloud of "ozone smog" as expected to cover much of ie country.

The official advice affects early all cars with a registraon letter before L. It adds that one should use their cars for urneys of less than 1.5 miles. The build-up of smog has en caused a combination of ill air, intense sunshine and

tions and industry. Forecasters said this smog, the second of the month, would be almost entirely due to home-grown pollution, with little contribution from the rest of Europe.

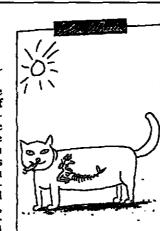
In New Zealand, the widening of the hole in the ozone layover the southern hemisphere has had an unexpected side-effect: a large numher of pets with tattoos.

Vets, alarmed at the rising incidence of skin cancer in animals noticed that dark-skinned pets were less likely to suffer. Solution: to give added pro-

tection to pale-skinned cats have lower companionship val-and dogs via the tattooist's nee-ue." dle. Thousands of animal-lovers have been attempting to protect their pets from ultra-violet rays,

by tattooing them black. In the treatment, a dark pigment is applied to cats' and dogs' ears and noses - the areas where there is poor hair cov-er. Other pale-skinned animals such as cattle and sheep, are also prone to cancer from exposure to increased radiation but they do not get preventive tattooing. "If they get tumours, we just shoot them," a vet said. "They

Unfortunately, scientists are now divided about the value of the treatment. Allan Bell, an animal dermatologist, says that he has now stopped tattooing. The only way to prevent a pet from getting skin cancer, he argues - especially since smearing on sun-block is not entirely practicable - is to persuade cats and dogs to stay out of the sun. This, however, is difficult. "Cats insist on basking in the sun," said one vet."They regard it as an essential part of their lifestyle."



Mystery of 'three-legged' saint

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Scientists examining the relics of a 7th-century saint venerated in Birmingham have discovered that his casket contains three legs rather than the customary two.

Radio-carbon dating, how-ever, has established that five of the six bones in the reliquary of St Chad may well be genuine. since they date form the 6th or 7th century; one of the bones which Catholics have revered for 1,300 years is a century or Lichfield Cathedral until the rected at all the bones equally.

two older than the rest. The Oxford archaeologist who carried out the test believes that that bones from three bodies were jumbled together when the saint was reburied.

St Chad, or Ceadd, who died in 672, was the first Bishop of Mercia, with his seat in Lichfield, where he was buried. He had been, briefly, Archbishop of York, before he was removed from the post by St Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury. His bones had been moved to a new church in 700 and were kept in

Reformation, when Henry VIII abolished the cult of relics. St Chad's brother, Cedd, was also a saint and founded a monastery where St Chad was later abbot. On hearing the news of St Chad's many-legged state, one distinguished Catholic historian joked that the ex-

tra leg might belong to St Cedd. In the light of the research, the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Couve de Murville has issued a decree authorising continued devotion to the relics - provided it is di-



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Lib Dems to raise new tax on fossil fuels

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Liberal Democrats want a new tax on coal, oil and gas to cut value added tax across the board or to reduce employers' national insurance contributions.

Party strategists believe that their latest version of a "carbon tax" on fossil fuels could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs, while curbing Britain's emissions of the greenhouse gases which have begun to alter the earth's climate.

The tax would be levied according to how much carbon dioxide gas each fuel produced when burnt. Thus coal, the most polluting fuel, would be the most heavily taxed, gas the least and crude oil in between.

According to the Liberal Democrats' new energy paper, approved by the main policy committee, the tax would be applied "at the point at which fossil fuels enter the economy extraction or import". The tax, which will be debated at the party's autumn conference, would Matthew Taylor, the party's en-

"Our aim is to create an ex- cause they produce no global pectation of rising prices rather than a price shock. At the moment prices are falling, so the incentives to save energy and cut pollution are reducing too. We want to reverse that.

Eventually the carbon tax could raise more than the entire £14bn a year from VAT on all goods, but the party says it would take more than the lifetime of one Parliament to reach that level. There would be special measures to help lowincome households.

Any damage to the economy from higher fuel prices would be more than offset by the extra growth and employment resulting from cuts in VAT or employer's national insurance payments. Several computer models have backed this view. Such studies have shown that a carbon tax would lift gas and electricity prices by about the same percentage, but have a smaller impact on vehicle fuel prices because these are already taxed more heavily.

Nuclear power and renewbe introduced gradually, able energy sources, such as wind turbines and hydroelecvironment spokesman, said: tricity, would not be taxed be-

warming carbon dioxide. As for the existing VAT on household gas and electricity, the Liberal Democrats could propose keeping it at the exist-ing 8 per cent or cut it to 5 per cent - the minimum allowable under European Union rules.

The European Commission has been proposing a carbon tax for the last five years but has made very little progress towards implementation - largely because of strong objections from the British government. The Liberal Democrats have been the only mainstream British party in favour of such a tax since 1990.

The party wants Britain to go it alone with a carbon tax if Europe-wide agreement cannot be reached. Four other EU nations have already done so. ■ The left-leaning Institute for Public Policy Research will next week propose a radical shift to "green taxes" which, it says, could create up to 700,000 new jobs. The package includes commercial and industrial energy taxes, higher road-fuel duties, higher waste-disposal taxes and a quarrying tax.



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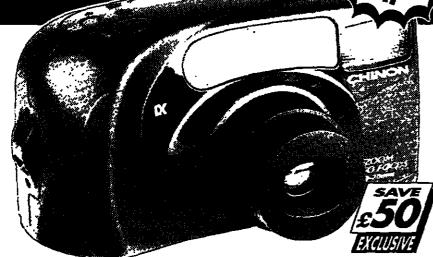
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Art dealers close ranks in wake of fraud

Jojo Moyes finds the art world in denial and looking for a scapegoat

Privately, dealers and auction they will refund the price of a houses are admitting that prices work of art sold through them will fall. But, faced with a contemporary art scandal stretching back six years and involving top galleries and modern masters, the art world is maintain-

ing a visage as screne as that of the Mona Lisa. Following revelations in the Independent that fraudsters had tampered with archives at the Tate Gallery and British Coun- the department and my own forgeries produced for sale, police feared that corrupted records could have spread into auction house catalogues.

Despite the discovery of one of Britain's biggest contemporary art frauds, auction houses and dealers maintained that not only could it not have affected them, but that the market wouldn't feel a thing.

Leading auction houses insisted yesterday that their built-in safeguards and extensive independent authentication process rendered them virtualimpervious to fraud. One "couldn't think of a single example where an artist's association with fraud had affected their price at auction".

But privately some dealers

if it is found to be a fraud. And just as important as the p risk of a flood of claims is that of damage to a reputation in a world that relies on it.

"I wouldn't be happy to put a Nicholson in for sale unless I was 100 per cent happy that it was right because there's the reputation of the auction house. tion. It's a sma and you don't want to be seen to be putting things through that aren't right," said one expert. But speaking off the record,

dealers were more frank.
"There will always be things that
sneak through. That will happen
to museums and auction houses ... for instance just within the four main London houses we're probably seeing somewhere in the region of 8,000 modern British pictures coming up for sale in a year. There will always be people who will attempt these things," said one. He cited a recent case - "a

genuine mistake" - where a work by the Scottish artist James Pride that had featured in major exhibitions of Pride's work was spotted by an elder-

Frauds throw art world into chaos

How the Independent first reported the fraud last Saturday

Nicholson and sculptor Alberto Giacometti that the market would dip, and that it would be worth them holding on to their works until the "whole thing had been ironed out". The London art market is a

notoriously insular world, and as the art critic Brian Sewell noted last night, in an emer-gency it always closes ranks. Like the money markets, it is built upon confidence, so a hiccup can easily start a swift downward spiral.

According to Sewell, it is in no one's interest to admit that an extensive fraud has taken place; not the owners themselves, nor the experts, who may have been duped, and certainly not the dealers and auction houses, who may lose money.

"If works were sold to the US you may well end up with a lawsuit on your hands. The whole thing becomes quite unimaginable, so everybody clams up, "he said. "In every case I know throughout my working lifetime the response of the art market has been to say dearie me, it wasn't me who had anything to do with it'."

The reluctance of auction houses to admit that they may have been duped may be partly due to the five-year guarantee offered by many in their terms and conditions, under which, with certain provisos.

were advising collectors of Bea ly artist who identified it as his OWII WORK.

And he said that in the case of sculpture, where new casts could be made from moulds that were believed to be destroyed, it was almost impossible without efficient archives to tell what was fraudulent and what was not.

The art world appears to be holding its breath and waiting for the latest art fraud scanda to go away. Fraud is a rude and unaesthetic interjection in a world that prides itself on its appreciation of the finer things - and the easiest answer appears to be to place the blame on those who don't "belong".

"The speculators of the Seventies and Eighties made it easier to introduce fakes," said one expert yesterday. "There's always been an element of speculation, but in the Eighties it fuelled a massive boom with people buying not because they loved art but because they wanted to make a quick buck. They weren't going to look too close-ly at the provenances, were they?" Many of his clients, he said, had owned their Nicholassons for up to 50 years or had inherited them. They knew exactly what they were and kept them because they loved them; their market would not be shaken by the scandal, he said,

But speculators, he implied, only had themselves to blame.

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Tennis stars long to serve faster

world of tennis is on the verge of a brutal, bruising contest - and not just on the pass courts of Wimbledon. In the latest round of a struggle that has lasted for years, racquet manufacturers are

direatening to sue the game's dininistrators if a new rule is introduced to limit the speed

of play.

The latest volley of angry words would do justice to John McEuroe on a hot day. They follow a proposal by the rule-making International Tennis Federation (ITF) to limit the length of any racquet to 29in, rather than the present 32in, because it considers that longer racquets "pose an unacceptable risk in increasing the speed of the game in general, and would further increase the potency of the serve within the game".

A senior executive for one manufacturer says that the ITF is "making a decision based on emotions rather than facts".

However, the ITF's true wories are more likely to be relat-d to the shrinking popularity of sional tennis - audience inst has flagged as the speed of es has accelerated over

Plans to make the the handles of racquets even longer are being resisted, writes Charles Arthur



Changing game: left, Michael Chang, who has used 29in racquets since 1994, at the Newsweek Cup, California, yesterday; right, classic wooden 19th-century style

quets have been replaced by of the large-headed Prince Clasthose made with space-age materials and enlarged hitting areas. Many professionals can now hit serves at up to 140mph, rendering them virtually unceturnable. The ITF has already legislated on the maximum area of the racquet, which began ex-panding with the introduction

sic in 1976. Tournament organisers have also tinkered with tennis balls to try to make matches more entertaining. However, an experiment with softer balls at Wimbledon last year - intended to slow serves Professional players are al-ready using them: Michael down and promote rallies - had

The ITF's latest proposal follows the introduction by manufacturers last year of "extra-long" racquets, some more than 29in long, which give players extra reach and up to 14 per cent more power than standard models.

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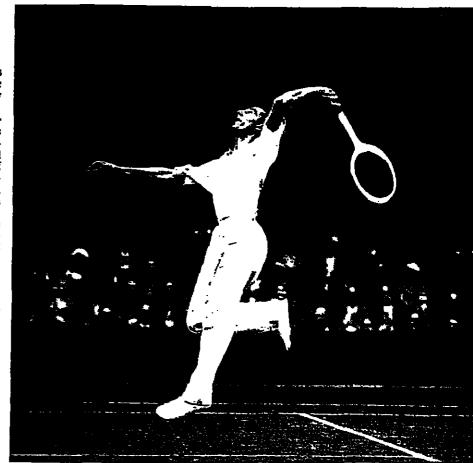
Chang of the United States.

placed fourth in the world, has been using a 29in racquet since 1994, and says it has been key in raising his ranking.

Bob Johnson, United Kingsom sales director of Prince Rackets - the world's secondlargest brand, after Wilson - said yesterday: "The majority of professionals who use Prince intend to use longer ones when they renew their sponsorship contracts."

The ITF was considering the rule change at its annual meet-ing in Switzerland this week. But last Monday, the Termis Industry Association, which represents players and racquet manufacturers, wrote to the IIF's president, Brian Tobin, warning him that "members of the [racquet] industry are plan-ning litigation if indeed this rule

change does come about". The change, if approved would outlaw racquets already on the market from companies such as Dunlop, Wilson and Prince, and stifle one of the few sources of growth in the tennis market. The market generally is absolutely flat," Mr Johnson said. "But at the end of last year extra-length racquets made up 80 per cent of growth in value."



Hospital orders Art cleale TB tests Classe ranks for 1,000 Classe ranks for 1,000 Chest physician at St Thomas said last night: "We have he

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and patients are to be tested for rying and we are treating it very dangerous, drug-resistant seriously." An inquiry was un ain of tuberculosis after two afirmed and two suspected ses at a London hospital. It is the second episode of

ulti-drug resistant TB (MDR 3) in the capital in less than ear, and has renewed concern out the emergence of this m of the disease, extremely re in the UK, but which has used havoc in some American.

cterium. The patients were on ad man is believed to have ught TB from the woman.

Two more Aids patients, entified in April and May, are w thought to have contractthe disease, and tests are unr way to establish if the strain the same as that isolated from e first two cases.

As an extra precaution, pubhealth doctors are contactg by letter 650 in-patients id out-patients at the hospi-I who may have come into ntact with the infected indi-Juals. They will be offered apintments for tests and X-rays appropriate. Relatives and ends of the TB patients have I staff are being screened.

Or John Rees, a consultant

chest physician at St Thomas's, said last night: "We have been seeing the emergence of [MDR] TB] in the past year. It is worder way at the hospital to see if there was some breakdown in infectious disease procedures,

Dr Rees added.

The three surviving patients have been moved to another hospital with special isolation facilities: Patients diagnosed with MDR TB have to be nursed in isolation in special rooms with the safe and continuous ex-The first victim, a long-term change of air. MDR TB is deth MDR TB last year at St 10mas's Hospital. In March a drugs, isoniazid and rifampicin. cond patient, who had Aids There are "second line" alterd has since died, was found natives which are usually efhave the same strain of the fective but they are more toxic and difficult to administer to e same ward, although in parate side-rooms, and the such as cancer patients and people with HIV who have compromised immune systems.

A spokeswoman for the hospital said that there was no danger of a serious TB outbreak. "If you are a healthy person the chances of being infected are very small."
The St Thomas's case is be-

lieved to be the second-biggest hospital outbreak in the UK. In August last year one patient in-fected at least four others on an Aids/HIV ward at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

TB is transmitted through airborne droplets expelled in coughing or sneezing. MDR TB has caused serious problems in New York among those with HIV, drug addicts and the homeless.

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Legal aid for DIY court cases

ITRICIA WYNN DAVIES ⊯al Affairs Editor

:ople representing themselves court could get court fees and her costs paid by legal aid unr radical proposals being udied by Lord Mackay of lashfern the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay is also considing how his plans for block intracting of legal aid cases hald be applied to the private

But he none the less urged ould-be litigants yesterday to ake a robust approach to life" nd accept that not every grievacc required legal action.

In a speech pulling together te forthcoming legal aid White sper and the overhaul of civil stice being conducted by Lord /oolf, the Master of the Rolls, ord Mackay said: "I want to maider whether legal aid huld in future help litigants in erson who qualify for it by ecting their court fees and othrey do not need an adviser, or ven the value of the case."

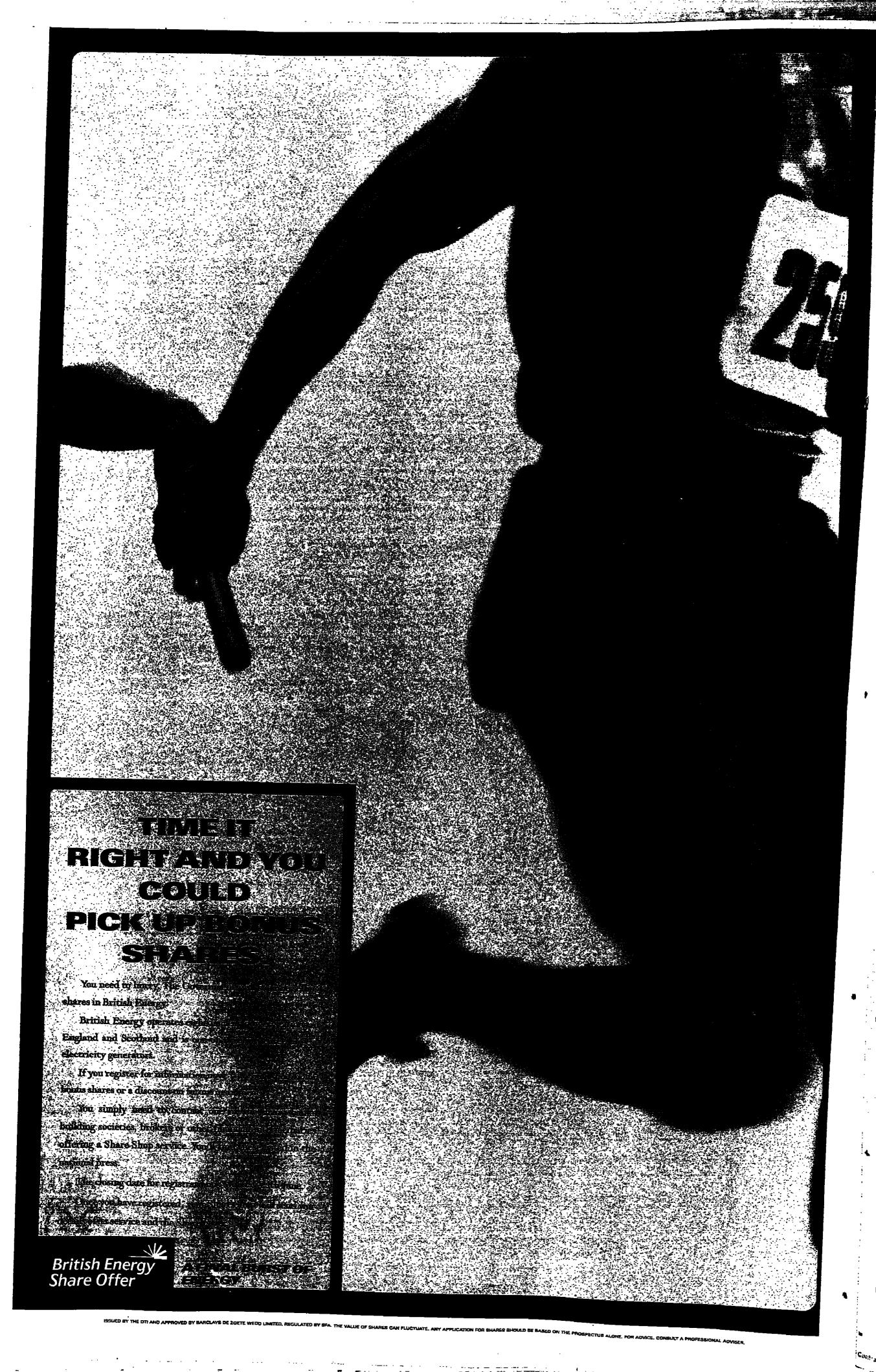
He made clear that fees for court proceedings and services The White Paper, which is due for publication the week after next, will end the system of paying solicitors at hourly rates for civil legal aid work. Solici-

tors and advice agencies will in-stead tender for block contracts. Lord Mackay told his audience at All Souls College, Oxford: "If that approach works in legally aided cases, it may well pave the way for similar developments in the private sector. I have therefore asked my civil servants to follow it up with insurers and other potential

funders of private litigation."
The Lord Chancellor emphasised, however, that "recourse to litigation is generally to be regarded as a last resort".

"Only when there is no suitable alternative is the citizen or the business concerned justified in pursuing by invoking the state's monopoly of coercive disbursements in cases where power. It is for that reason that we need to encourage people to here the expense of a repre- take a robust approach of life intative would be excessive and accept that not every knock requires a legal response."





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David Bowie interviews Damien Hirst. The meeting of two cultural icons, who can perplex and infuriate just as they can provoke and inspire, provides intriguing insights into the mind of Britain's most controversial contemporary artist, writes David Lister. Faced with a superstar as committed to multimedia experimentation as he is, Hirst eschews his routine cynicism to give a rare exposition of the philosophy of the

installation artist.
Next week Modern
Painters, on whose
editorial board David
Bowie sits, carries the
entire interview which
took place in New York
where Hirst is currently
exhibiting. Below is a key
extract.

David Bowie: What seems to define your work as being so different from that of your peers is a far greater degree of personal passion. A strong reentment of the idea of death. It certainly strikes me as emotive, a reverberation of sorts, whereas in the work of your friends like Gavin Turk or Sarah Lucas say, the basis seems to be a no nonsense cyncism, a dark ironic stance maybe. You seem to straddle two worlds - conceptualism and a rather more traditional self-expression. Something that smacks of an emotional life. Is that accurate?

Damien Hirst: Yes I think it is. I mean I can't deny it. I think art is not only a visual language that communicates an dea. The ideas maybe don't change but the world certainly does. So then, does the context. of that idea change? However, something that really gets to me s that the work should be totally delicious visually and that you shouldn't necessarily have to work hard at intellectualising. It can just be something Like Bonnard said, "I just love hese colours".

Bowie: So, what's the titleof your fabulous pieces with the butterflies embedded in the paint?

and Out of Love.
Those pieces are as strongly aesthetic, as thoroughly beautiful, as they are broadcasters of ideas.

Hirst: I think

Hirst: I think

Hirst: Million ideas'

they contain contradictions. I mean, they're beautiful as paintings I suspect, but if you look closely, the butterflies are stuck in the paint, so you ask yourself, did they get there by accident or is this a result of some evil little scientific experiment or is this merely a display of some kind? I find it beautiful. I also find it repulsive. Imagining oneself as the butterfly in question, it would

be quite an awful thing.

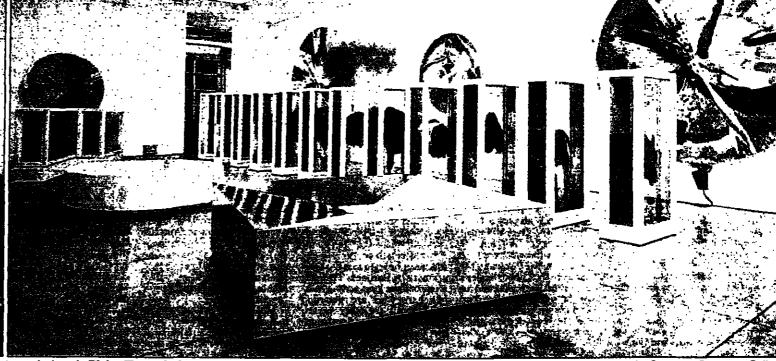
Bowie: Does one have to have a social conscience as an artist?

Hirst: I have no social conscience when I'm working. It's out of my hands. The viewer may want to make that judgement. I'm not too concerned with interpretation. Neither can I allow myself to be bothered by taboo or even an idea of integrity. Integrity you either have or you don't.

have or you don't.

Bowie: I'm particularly battered or supersaturated with image-drift. No one meaning, no author, only multi-interpretation. I'm beginning to forget history. I mean the actual fact of history. A world leader is led by the nose from crisis to crisis by news networks. He doesn't have space to analyse any situation, only time to come up with a network grabbing sound bite. We, as audience, respond in kind. One hundred items on the





Itural icons: (Left) David Bowie with Damien Hirst (Photograph: Iman). Right: The artist's current exhibition in New York at the Gagosian Galle

hour, every hour. I'm at home with contradiction. My roots are in the pluralistic 70s. The two-trunked form, however, has now sprouted a plethora of twigged branches.

Absolutes are obsolete.

omewhere between the judgement of Christ and the celebration of the birth of Mithras lies the Simpson trial, or is it a Michael Jackson premiere? Suddenly Pollock looks like a figurative painter. I ognise shapes in linseed and pigment strands. It's my father's face only many centuries younger. I'm at home with twigged absolutes, the birth of Simpson and the celebration of judgement has turned as it will, and relinquished the all walking, running Englishman. We love beginnings and endings but what captivates even more is no beginning, no ending. That used to be scary but now it's the state of the read. Now is the now. Our chaos mutation is the bastard industrial offspring of Buddhism. Our past and future, rather than melting away in the bliss of transcendence were hacked off like rotting - ten by indifference...
Which artists had an effect

Which artists had an effect on you? Not necessarily their work but maybe their attitude towards their work.

brious, I suppose.
Like Bacon, like
Soutine, Gericault,
Dennis Potter.
Anybody who
dealt with the
gruesome. For me
it can be the

contradiction between life and death, the body and existence. The body against a creative landscape, say... Bowie: Does the work you

produce bonnee from real life experience, or do you work until an idea begins to form, or is it a combination of both?

Hirst: A combination I

should think. I'm always looking and playing. Living in a world of so many objects in so many juxtapositions, there are a million ideas. I will often be stopped by an everyday object placed in a frightening situation. But then, sometimes I start with a visual sculpture. For a long time I've had the image of an umbrella in my head, from Bacon I guess, and I've been trying to think of a way to use that in a very physical and horrific situation. A sort of three dimensional Bacon.

Bowle: It seems that it's painters that stimulate you far more than sculptors.

Hirst: It's such a completely illusionary world. It's a kind of belief in the square. If you look at many of the paintings that I've done, there's always a sculptural approach. They're almost like a logo as an idea of myself as an artist. Some sort of sculptural consumerist idea.

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Companion of Honour

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Knights Bachelor

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Brown, William, CBE, former chairman of the Scottish Arts Council and of Scottish Television, for services to the arts and to broadcasting.

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Jenkins, Elgar Spencer, OBE, for political and public service. Kelly, David Robert Corbett.

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Constable Merseyside Police. for services to the police. Sims, Roger Edward, MP for Chislehurst, for political service. Skehel, John James, FRS, director of the National Institute for Medical Research, for ser-

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Order of the Bath

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Knight Commander (KCB)

Blair's inner cabinet enter Privy Council

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Clear evidence that Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and Donald Dewar would all be members of a Tony Blair-led "inner cabinet" is provided by their being named Privy Councillors in the Queen's Birthday Honours

The nominations by Mr Blair confirm that Mr Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, is now a key figure, and that, together mittee of the shops Bill to camwith John Prescott, Mr Blair's deputy, who is already a Privy Councilior, the three will form the ministerial "A-team" if Labour wins the election.

Mr Brown, Mr Cook and Mr Dewar were the Labour leader's choice after he was asked to make three nominations. Two other Labour honours - Don Dixon, former deputy chief whip, becomes a Privy Councillor and there is a knighthood for Ray Powell - were proposed by Commons figures across the political spectrum.

Mr Powell, MP for Ognore, enjoyed controversial and almost legendary patronage and influence as both the Labour "pairing" whip and the chairman of the committee awarding Commons offices to MPs. He was severely reprimanded by John Smith, then Labour leader, for using his influence as a member of the standing com-

paign against Sunday opening. Robert Hicks, the staunchly left-of-centre and pro-European Tory MP who was a whip under Edward Heath in 1973-74 but was never brought into the Government by Baroness Thatcher is one of three long-serving backbenchers who are awarded knighthoods; the other two are James Hill, MP for Southampton Test and Roger Sims, a former Parliamentary Private Secretary to Lord Whitelaw. David Curry, one of the brightest ministers of states, and at pre-

sent responsible for housing and local government, is made a Privy Councillor, while Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, a vicechairman of the 1922 committee and a Major lovalist is also made a Privy Councillor.

Elsewhere, perhaps one of

the most eye-catching honours is for Judge Stephen Tumim, the former Chief Inspector of Prisons and long a thorn in the Home Office's side who is given a knighthood. The honours were announced as Whitehall sources suggested that with 9,000 letters

a year now coming in from the public under the system inaugurated by John Major, the current level of 40 per cent of honours resulting from public nominations was probably now 'about right". Meanwhile, two prominent industrialists who head companies which have made large

donations to the Conservative

Party are honoured. Nigel

Rudd chairman of Williams

Holdings, is knighted for ser-

Delayed honour: Mannaduke Hussey relaxing in his office during his term as chairman of the BBC board of governors. He is made a life peer vices to manufacturing industry. Mr Rudd has been a member of the Tory fund-raising city and

1995, is appointed CBE. industrial liaison council and Williams has given £25,000 a year to the party since 1987 when it donated £50,000. Brian Stewart, chief executive of Scottish and Newcastle, which gave the Tories £50,000 in the

financial year ending in April The life peers are Dame June Lloyd, Nuffield Professor of Child Health, Marmaduke Hussey, former chairman of the BBC board of governors, and Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, formerly chairman of

the Military Committee of Nato.

Among members of the mil-

itary honoured are Lieutenant General Alex Harley, an artillery officer who played a key role in directing British operations in Bosnia during the crucial period last autumn when British forces switched from "peacekeeping" to "peace enforce-ment". He gets a knighthood.

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Van's the Man, by demand

ARTS and SPORT

DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

Van Morrison, the enigmatic Belfast-born singer who has been a cult figure since the Sixties, is the most surprising figure in the honours list today. According to Downing Street sources. Morrison was nomi-nated many times over by the public. The singer, who receives an OBE, is appearing at Wembley tonight with the leg-endary blues artist Ray Charles.

Morrison, whose interviews over the years have been few and far-between, has gained a large following partly because of his enigmatic presence, but mostly for his fusions of blues, jazz, celtic rhythms and rock 'n' roll with lyrics that straddled pop and poetry. His first hits were in the 1960s with Them.

The much-predicted knight-hood for Paul McCartney did not materialise. But the Beatles' producer George Martin is made a knight. Martin, who signed the Beatles in 1962 for Parlophone, recently trawled the archives to produce the Beatles Anthology set. In the Sixties his knowledge of classical music and production techniques helped the Beatles develop their recording style.

Still in the world of pop, Harvey Goldsmith, the former pharmacy student who became the best-known promoter of pop concerts in Britain,

including the Live Aid show in 1985, is appointed CBE. An OBE goes to the actress and comedienne Dora Bryan, 72, who starred in A Taste Of Honey and has had an acting career spanning 60 years. In the 1950s she appeared in such classic British films as The Blue Lamp, No Room At The Inn and The Fallen Idol, bubbly, optimistic and the epitome of vulgarity struggling for gentility.
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Conservation Committee, serv nature con-servation. Shaw, Man Joan, shop meress, R Society for the Protection of Birds, serv the RSPB in Lockwinnoch, Renfrewshire. Shearer, Mrs Caroline Mangaret, serv the Employment Service in Ashington, Northumberland. Shefish, Iftikhar Hassan,

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Sideway, Mrs Dorothy, former sub div offir, South Yorkshire Police, serv the Pol. Sidebatism, Miss Kathleen, serv the Thomton Cleveleys Old Peoples Welfare Association, Luncashire. Shuppon, Francis William, serv nature conservation in Suffolk. Shupson, Mrs Joan, serv the committy in Upton St Leonarda, Glouessershire. Shupson, Trancis William, serv nature conservation in Suffolk. Shupson, Mrs Joan, serv the understanding of the Holocans. Sanart, Geoffrey, co-founder, Heart Link, serv parents of children with heart disease.

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Tabb, Mrs Muriel, serv music in St. Austell, Communit. Thelan, Mrs Jilliant Valerie, serv The Compassionate Friends. Those, Mrs Margaret Isne, former home care organiser. Social Work Dept, Banff and Buchan Division, Grampian Regional Cet, serv the commty. Thomas, John Rowland, serv the commty in North East Powys. Thomas, William, canespency logistician, far humanitarian serv in the former Yugoslavia. Thompson, Enest, serv people with learning disabilities and to nursing. Thomson, Mrs Margary Jean, for polit and pub serv. Thomnos, Alan Woodburn, mag dir, Thor Ceramics, serv the Ceramics and Tochman John Henry, tech offir, Prescot and Mall Residents Association, serv the commty in Middleser. Tollburst, Mrs Mod. Thomas, John Henry, tech offir, Prescot and Mall Residents Association, serv the commty in Middleser. Tollburst, Mrs

English village life Joanna Trol-lope, 42, with books including The Choir and The Rector's Wife, is also appointed OBE, becomes a CBE. while the crime-writer Ruth



Thearre Hust, serv the arts. Warwick, Colin Thomas, chm. Northumberland Sea Fisheries Committee, serv the fishing ind. Waters, John, serv the HMS Liverpool Association. Waterson, David, kir, Salford Lade Club. Greater Manchester, serv young people. Wates, Miss Susan Mary, serv child care and to the commity in London. Waterson, Paul, dir. Bristol Cyrenius. serv homeless people. Watson, Stewart, brass instructor and brass band conductor, Aberdeen, serv music. Watt, Alan Stewart, serv the commity.

Rendell, creator of Inspector

Wexford, is appointed CBE.

A CBE also goes to the Ra-dio 2 presenter David Jacobs for

a career in broadcasting that

stretches from Juke Box Jury in

founding chief executive of Channel 4, he was also responthe early Sixties via presenting Any Questions on radio to sible for the brilliant docu-Cold War.

Van Morrison: The singer has been honoured by public demand

Victorian Order

memorably featured in a recent warts-and-all-television docu-

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Knight Commander (KCVO)

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structor and brass band conductor, Aberdeen, serv amsic. Watt, Alan Stewart, serv the commty.

Webb, Miss Beryl May Jago, chm, Ashingdon Parish Cel, Essex, serv road safety and to the commty. Webb, Colin David, former delivery mgr, R Mail Anglia, Post Office, serv the Post Office and to the commty in Chelmsford, Essex. Webber, Michael Huysbe, exce dir. Trasley Bridge, serv the motor ind. Webs, Philip, former chm. West Whitelawburn Housing Co-operative, and mbr, New Gorbals Housing Association, serv the bous assu movement in Scotland. West, Mrs Joy, serv the War Widows Association of Great Britain. Westan, Terence John, former dir of finance. Ceredigion District Cel, serv loc government in Wales. White, Michael John, firefighter, Devon Fire and Rescue Service, serv the fire serv. White, Thomas Patrick, serv the construction ind. Whitesides, Keith Robert, serv the construction ind. Whitesides, Keith Robert, serv the commty in the East Midlands. Whitaliakes, Mrs Norma, serv the country in Oidham, Lancashire, Whitfall, Mrs Jean Marion, admin offr, MoD. Willians, Mrs Mary, serv the commty in Highley, Stropshire. Willscock, Frank, constable, Greater Manchester Police, serv the pol and for charitable serv. Dare-Willians, Keith Edward, auxiliary coastguard in charge, HM Coastguard, Pymouth, Devon, serv sele-Member (MVO) Michaeler (MVC)

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Nato may feel the chill from wind of change

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Yesterday, 44 ships under the command of a US Admiral Cirv. among them the Russian destroyer Nastoychivy, were order problem, and that military practising the manoeuvres they would use in multi-national peace-keeping and humanitarian aid operations.

The exercise is taking place under the Partnership for Peace initiative, designed to bind Nato and eastern European countries together and pave the way for some to join Nato. Just 200 miles to the cast, Russia's 100 million electors were preparing to go to the polls on Sunday.

Western strategists do not be-lieve the result will have any fundamental effect on Russian security policy. But a victory for the communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, would probably cool the cosy climate of co-operation which has evolved over the past five or so years and

If Zyuganov wins, next year there may be no Russian destroyer, while the participation of the Poles and Baltic states alongside Nato may be seen not as an expression of international solidarity, but as a threat.

VIEW FROM THE WEST

Most Western analysts agree the new President will inherit an economic crisis, heavy dependence on investment from abroad, and a massive law and expenditure is not a high pri-ority. Many believe Russia cannot afford to alienate the West, and rely on that as a guarantee of security: some disagree. Boris Yeltsin has already begun the process of "reintegration" of former Soviet states into a new military alliance, and whether he or Zyuganov wins, such ef-

forts will undoubtedly continue. But even if Russia's deep-seated policies do not change, a switch from Mr Yeltsin, whom Western countries know and support, to a new leader will undoubtedly affect the climate in which the Russian military-still the second most powerful in the world - deals with the West.

Anton Surikov, a civilian defence adviser to both Yeltsin and resulted in exercises such as this. Zyuganov, said in a recent paper that the greatest danger from the US and her allies was posed by "interference in the internal affairs of Russia with the aim of diverting them into directions favourable to the West". It cited interference in

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While Nato's eastward expansion is seen as a threat, Surikov admits "there is no real possibility of hindering this by force. But threats, not supported by actions, only dis-credit the state." He cites Russia's ineffective opposition to the bombing of the Bosnian Serbs in September last year as an example.

To counter Nato expansion, a "reintegration" of former Soviet states, within the CIS, is proposed, which has already begun with the conclusion of a new alliance between Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The CIS recently produced its first ever joint statement on the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty. According to Surikov, Western attempts to foster confrontation between Russia and Ukraine must be resisted, and Russia must aim to establish a new alliance with

The CFE Treaty, which has pean countries become part of recently been revised to enable Nato, their troops should count as part of the alliance, thus plac-Russia to put more forces on its flanks, provides Russia with ing Nato in violation of the another means of countering treaty. Such an attitude would Nato expansion. Having obbe consistent with what one tained the settlement it wanted, commentator last week called

"a more bloody-minded Poland and other East Euroapproach".

Irina Issakova, an analyst at the London-based international Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), believes the Russians "can't afford to cut themselves

sures may be taken in the event of a Communist victory, they are not of great concern to the West.

The image of Russia being is widespread. But Professor John Erickson of the University of Edinburgh, warned "Rusthat they are very poor - a fiction, which they are very keen to encourage. In spite of all the hype about privatisation, they have taken great care to protect core military industries."

Prof Erickson cited renewed Russian naval activity as evidence that strategic priorities

were directed in two ways: to the sea, and to central Asia. Russia has also been concentrating on the development of small, rapid-reaction forces to preserve its ability for global intervention at a fraction of the former cost. The outcome of the election is unlikely to affect these trends.



Posters backing Boris Yeftsin and the mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, are hoisted near the Kremlin

Old Soviet nations back the devil they know

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

A joke attributed to Ukraine's President, Leonid Kuchma, has been going the rounds in eastern Europe before tomorrow's Russian election: On election night an aide rushes to President Boris Yeltsin and says: "Bad news, boss. Zyuganov's got 55 per cent." As the distraught president clutches his head, the aide adds: "No problem,

though. You've got 65 per cent."

Jokes aside, there is no question that every leader in the former Soviet bloc, with the apparent exception of President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, is desperate for a Yeltsin victory. Visiting Poland last week, Mr Kuchma himself said: "If Yeltsin loses, it would be an earthquake, especially for Ukraine but also for Poland."

However strongly they may feel about Mr Yeltsin's reassertion of Russian influence over many former Soviet republics, the leaders of Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Moldova and other newly independent states feel sure that life would be far worse with Gennady Zyuganov. The same goes for leaders in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and others who have clashed with Mr Yeltsin over their aim of joining Nato but who still prefer him to his Communist

Although Mr Zyuganov's exact intentions are uncertain, he is clearly nostalgic for the Soviet Union and occasionally speaks of restoring the defunct state by peaceful means. Earlier this year the Russian parliament, where Communists are the largest faction, voted to con-demn the 1991 treaty by which Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

abolished the Soviet Union. Alarm about the potential direction of a Zyuganov presideucy is so high that Armenia's President, Levon Ter-Petrosyan, predicts that the 11 non-Russian members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) will try to dissolve the organisation if Mr Zyuganov wins. Under Mr Yeltsin, Russia has sought to promote the po-litical, military and economic in-tegration of the CIS, composed of all former Soviet republics except the Baltic states. But most regard this as fairly restrained in comparison with what Mr Zyuganov might attempt.

The odd man out is Belarus, where Mr Lukashenko is an unashamed advocate of union with Russia and, beyond that, full integration of the former Soviet area. He appears less enthusiastic about a second Yeltsin term, possibly because the Russian president has been cautious about completing the union with Belarus.

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Some CIS countries fear a Zyuganov victory because it might boost the fortunes of Communists at home and even tempt them to seize power. An intricate web of personal, professional and party connections going back into the Soviet era joins Mr Zyuganov and the Russian Communists with Communists in other former Soviet republics.

The Baltic states, with their large ethnic Russian minorities and fraught relations with Moscow, have particular reason to be worried about Zyuganov. but they also see the presidential election as a chance to emphasise their new pro-European identity. "The impact would be the same as on the European



Kuchma: Ukraine's leader dreads defeat for Yeltsin

Union. Security is indivisible, and Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are part of Europe," said Estonia's President, Lennart

According to one theory, a Zyuganov win might at least joit Western governments into accelerating the process of admitting new members into Nato and the EU. This could be enough of an argument for our partners in Europe to speed up the integration process, said Poland's President, Aleksander Kwasniewski.

Yet politicians in most ex-Communist countries are also conscious that rapid expansion of Nato in response to a Zyuganov victory could bring undesirable consequences. It might divide Europe into Western and Russian spheres of control hostile to each other, and raise tensions to dangerous levels in countries caught in the middle such as Ukraine and the Baltic states.

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Castro looks for a

if there is one world leader rooting for the Communist Gennady Zyuganov tomorrow, it is Fidel Castro, writes Phil Davison.

The break-up of the Soviet Union and the collapse of Eastern European Communism hit no one harder than the long-time Cuban leader. unist Cuba, virtually blockaded by the United States and ostracised by most of the world, had for three decades relied on the Soviet bloc for political clout and economic survival.

Since the Soviet break-up and shift towards capital-ism, the Caribbean island has been forced to fend for itself, the US has tightened the screws, and Mr Castro's one-party Marxist-Leninist regime has looked increasingly as though it is on its last economic oxygen he needs to keep his system alive. Castro needs a friend more

than ever; in direct ratio to their bunger - basic foodstuffs are unavailable - Cubans are questioning his tenure.

The Cuban leader maintained polite relations with Russia's current President. But as Boris Yeltsin opened up politically and economically, he had neither the time, money nor inclination to concentrate on the little island that, in the Kennedy-Khrushchev era, brought the world to the brink of war.

The Soviet troops have long gone, but their legacy is obvious in the number of young Cubans with names such as Vladimir or Tanya. On the political and diplomatic front, a communist Russia, as a member of the United Nations Security Council, would go a long way to easing Cuba's isolation.

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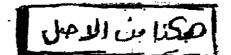
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Yeltsin rams home his final message

HELEN WOMACK

Boris Yeltsin, master of political theatre, returned to his roots yesterday to bring his campaign for re-election to a climax at a rock concert in the Mr Zyuganov with the support Urals city of Yekaterinburg.
On home territory, he was assured of an enthusiastic crowd

Opinion polls are notoriously unreliable in Russia howevsured of an enthusiastic crowd of thousands as he urged voters to keep faith with his reforms and rebuff the Communist challenge. "All Russia is behind us," he roared before the deafening music started up. "We deserve a better life. Over five years we have suffered a lot of blows. But we have also learned a great deal. Now we must not give way. We must be together. Then we will win. That is certain."

Since he came to Yekaterinburg in February to launch his

from the political dead. Then, lagging far behind Gennady Zyuganov, it seemed there was little he could do to prevent a return to Communism. But on Thursday one opinion poll showed him 11 points ahead of

and contradictory. Another poll yesterday put Mr Zyuganov ahead by two points. Analysts were warning against writing off Mr Zyuganov, whose campaign, less charismatic than the president's, but also unfairly treated by the blatantly pro-Yeltsin media, has criticised the heavy social costs of the transition to

It is unlikely any of the 10 candidates, including the liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky, the former Soviet President bid for another term in the Mikhail Gorbachev and the Kremlin, Mr Yeltsin has risen nationalist retired general

overall majority on Sunday, So a run-off, probably between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Zyuganov, is the expected scenario. Some commentators think the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky has been underestimated and could come third

to hold the balance of power.
All sides are talking about the risk of vote-rigging and the outcome of the election not being respected. On the surface, the campaign has been a car-nival but a tense atmosphere lurks below.

Security forces are on alert to avoid a repeat of this week's terrorist bomb on the Moscow Metro which both Mr Yeltsin and Mr Zyuganov turned to their advantage. The Communist said it illustrated how violent Russia has become, while the President said the right response was to vote for the stability only he could guarantee.

hold on to power for another four years, it will be because, for many voters, he is the devil they know. And because he has had the courage, or perhaps rather the self-preserving instinct, to play the flawed hero and seek forgiveness for his errors.

The President's biggest regret of course is the war in Chechnya, which he has tried to end. But he has been unable or unwilling to rein in Doku Zavgayev, head of the puppet government he installed, and local elections, fraught with the risk of violence, are going ahead there on Sunday despite a promise to the separatists that they would be called off.

Because of Chechnya Yeltsin must be punished," said want him to win in the end, but first he must sweat a bit. Which is why I'm voting for Yavlinksy in the first round."



Western capital set to flee if Zyuganov wins

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Money talks, and what it says about Russia is that foreign investors are apprehensive about the outcome of tomorrow's elections. The flow of Western capital into the country has dried to a trickle of less than \$1bn (£6.5bn) so far this year, less than half last year's rate.

According to Erik Nielsen, an expert on Russia working for Goldman Sachs, the investment bank in New York: "Inestors have been sitting on the ence. If Yeltsin wins there will be an inflow of capital. If Zyuganov wins, there will be a harp withdrawal

One of the first to withdraw on any sign of departure from the path of free market economics would be the International Monetary Fund, which rewarded Mr Yeltsin's reform efforts with a \$10bm (£6.5bm) loan announced in March. The IMF has shown as much flexibility as it is going to. It would probably look for the first exit," one official predicts.

Pre-election nerves have already taken their toll of the Russian economy. Short-term interest rates in the financial markets started to rise sharply as early as March, touching an annual rate of 145 per cent at the beginning of this month.

Notwithstanding Mr Yeltsin's electoral spending promises, the crippling rise in the burden of interest payments on government borrowing has forced recent cuts in other spending and greater efforts to collect taxes. A \$2.7bn loan from Germany and \$500m offer from France have helped out.

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rency out of the country, just in case. Foreign exchange reserves have fallen by about a quarter, or more than \$4bn, since the end of March. Sosanne Gabler at JP Morgan,

another US investment bank. thinks Western investors are nervous about the prospect of a Zyuganov victory because he is an unknown quantity. "When he appeared at the World Economic Forum in Davos he presented himself as a reformer. Domestically, he has campaigned on an anti-Western line."
Mr Yeltsin has the advantage of a track record, she says.

Others agree that the uncertainty is the problem as far as the financial markets are concerned. Maxim Shashenkov, a Russian working for Merrill Lynch in London, says: It is dif-ficult to say exactly what Zyuganov's policies would be— there is a big gap between his rhetoric and Russian economic realities. But the risks would be very serious." He predicts a sharp negative reaction by foreign investors in Russian financial markets if Mr

Zyuganov wins. That reaction could spill over into the West. There are fears that Russian events could hit the Deutschmark and German stockmarket for the first time since the attempted military coup in August 1991. German banks have lent about \$35bn to Russia, accounting for two-thirds of Russian external debt to the private sector.

Mr Nielsen of Goldman Sachs observes: "The big Western corporations that have invested in Russia would probably On the other hand, Russian companies and citizens have been sending their foreign curbeen sending their foreign curwho can flee would do so.

Clinton hopes he's picked the winner

RUPERT CORNWELL

candidate fares better in iomorrow's momentous Russian presidential election than did the former Prime Minister Shimon Peres in the vote in Israel a fortnight ago.

As it did with Mr Peres, the White House has unabashedly supported President Boris Yeltsin, tolerating his erratic personal behaviour and Moscow's brutal campaign in Chechnya, and encouraging a 10bn (£6.6bn) IMF credit. Unless the worst comes to the

very worst, a victory for Gen-nady Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist Party, will probbly have little direct impact on the election race here. Even Mr Clinton's most ardent Republican foes admit America has at most a marginal influence on events in Russia.

lnevitably though, an upset win in Russia so soon after the upset in Israel would rekindle doubts about Mr Clinton's skill at foreign policy, an area where he has done well but which is traditionally a Republican strength. "Who lost Russia?" will inevitably be the question should Mr Yeltsin lose. And a convenient scapegoat is to hand in the person of Strobe Talbott. deputy Secretary of State. architect of the administration's Russia policy.

Mr Talbott, a lifelong Rus-The Clinton Administration is sophile, is accused of naively bequietly praying that its chosen lieving that Western help alone could turn Russia into a functioning, normal democracy. He retorts by pointing to the benefits of "active engagement" with Mr Yeltsin's Russia, including progress towards a market-based economy and a sharply reduced nuclear threat. Russian warheads are no longer targeted at US cities, while the former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Belarus and Kaza-khsian have been effectively denuclearised.

But those arguments will count little if Mr Tabott proves to have miscalculated. A Com-munist win would almost certainly end his hopes of replacing Warren Christopher as Secretary of State during a second Clinton term. But far beyond the Washington power gar Zyuganov win would have massively disruptive consequences for the US.

It is bound to increase pressure from the old Soviet republics and Eastern Europe to join an enlarged Nato, something that a Communist-con-trolled Kremlin would resist even more vigorously than has Mr Yeltsin. It could nullify arms control agreements and provoke a costly new round of weapons spending that would make chances of a balanced budget even more remote.

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France builds hope for future on the bloody lessons of its war-scarred past

This weekend sees the 80th anniversary of the battle of Verdun, writes Mary Dejevsky

Verdun — Among the events of this century that have helped to forge France's view of itself and the world might be numbered the student revolt of 1968, the Algerian war, the return of De Gaulle, and the Nazi occupation. Last, though by no means least, should be added the First World War battle of Verdun, which reached its mid-point 80 years ago this weekend and is embedded in the French psyche as the ultimate reason why today's entente with Germany, and the existence of the European Union are not only desirable, but so utterly essential.

Verdun, fought through the ice and snow of winter, the damp and rain of spring and autumn and the blazing heat of summer, at a cost almost 400,000 young French lives, is a word that has only to be mentioned to elicit the immediate response; "Never again". It conjures up for French people the same images of hell - the mud and damp of the trenches, the rotting boots and lice, the unburied bodies, the moaning of the injured who could not be rescued - that are so familiar to Britons from the letters and

poems of the period. But for the French there is one difference: not only the soldiers and the questionably competent generals were theirs, but also the land, land that is now strangely hilly and green, with mounds and bushes and trees that look too new and young for the landscape. You can scarcely drive a mile without finding the entrance to a bunker or fort, the remnants of a trench, or a ruined village. where only a few stones remain

to tell of what was once there. The town of Verdun itself nestles in a bend of the river Meuse, surrounded by the undulating countryside of the Ardennes, a classic border town clustered around a massive, part-hidden fortress, and



Hell on earth: Some 400,000 French troops died during the 10-month battle of Verdun Photograph: Hulton Deutsch

topped with a double-towered cathedral. At first sight, it looks like any other flourishing town in northern France: a bustling high street, an abundance of small shops and cafés, and a liberal scattering of north European and American tourists consulting their maps.

Even in the bright light of early summer, though, there is a grimness and stoicism that betrays its battle-scarred past. There are narrow streets where the sun scarcely penetrates. The stone is cold and oppressive. A UN and Europe-sponsored world centre for peace in the former episcopal palace is deserted. In the lower town, a bulky vic-

tory monument is wedged between the little houses of the high street. The tourists are there to see the battlefields and the memorabilia of war. War dominates Verdun still. For the 80th anniversary it has opened up its massive citadel, taking visitors eight at a time in little carriages through some of the chambers and passages where a dwindling number of defenders held out, despite lack of food, water, and ammunition, until their surrender.

Reconstructions of the underground bakery and mess (stacks of baguettes; wine bottles and napkins on every table) show a French sense of priorities that endures. But the final tableaux, which present death and glory and patriotism as sombrely relevant for the France of today, drive home the message that Verdun for France is more than a battle. One of the last tableaux reproduces the ceremony at which, in 1922, a French soldier was detailed to choose from seven unidentified coffins draped in the tricolour which was to be buried beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, as France's unknown soldier.

Tomorrow, President Jacques Chirac and other French dignitaries will be in Verdun for a series of ceremonies centred on the French national cemetery

and ossuary at the Fort de Douaumont where the names of French soldiers and the villages, towns they came from, are inscribed on every brick. Below, stretch line after line of white gravestones across the hillside and beyond, the endless landscape that soldiers still describe as "ideal battle country".

Inevitably, comparisons will be made with the last historic meeting at Verdun, in 1984, when Mr Chirac's predecessor, Francois Mitterrand, walked hand in hand with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of



Mr Chirac has chosen a different symbol. Tomorrow, he will French and German teenagers with his own message of rec-Germany among the graves of onciliation: a message adthat same cemetery in a gesture of reconciliation that made old enemies, not to their past.

> mission for Human Rights, was re-arrested earlier in the week

after sending a letter to Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader,

repeating allegations of human rights abuses in the autonomous

Denying that Dr Sarraj had

been tortured, the Palestinian

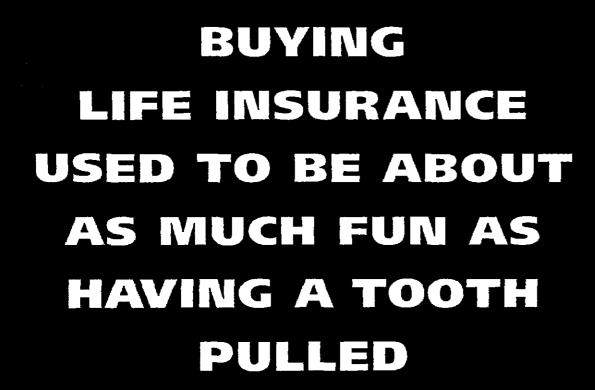
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Palestinian rights worker 'tortured'

A leading Palestinian defender of human rights, Eyad Sarraj, said yesterday that he had been tortured by Palestinian police while under arrest in Gaza. He said he felt "terrible" as he walked unsteadily into court after being hustled out of a police van.

"I have been beaten and my life is in danger," Dr Sarraj wrote earlier in a letter smuggled from prison. "They are trying to frame me with drug charges. Rescue me. The situation is dangerous." A human rights worker in court said Dr Sarraj, whose face showed signs of beating, confirmed to him

that the letter was true. A magistrate ordered Dr Sarraj released on his own recognizance, but he was immediately taken back to jail because it was revealed that a secret Palestinian military court had ordered him detained for a further 15 days. First charged with the possession of 95 grams of hashish, a charge he denies, Dr Sarraj is now being held for assaulting a policeman, who appeared in court with one fist wrapped in bandages. He says the policeman is one of those who beat him. Dr Sarraj, a 53-year-old

that he had drugs. Bassam Eid of the Israeli human rights organisation B Tselem, who talked with Dr Sarraj in court, said yesterday that he was shocked that "none of the 15 Palestinian human rights organisations in Gaza had sent

a representative to court. The Palestinian press only report what they are told by the authorities. When I saw Dr Sarraj last week he said that he had been told he would be killed if he continued his criticism." Mr Eid said that Dr Sarraj pushed one of the policeman who crowded into his cell, but denied assaulting anybody. It is the second time Dr Sar-

rai has been arrested in recent weeks. The origin of his present persecution by the authorities was an interview he gave to the New York Times in which he said the Palestinian authority used psychologist who heads the torture and abused human Palestinian Independent Com-rights.

Freemen in court after Montana siege

TIM CORNWELL

Fourteen Freemen, ranging in age from 65-year-old rancher Ralph Clark to his 21-year-old grandson, Casey, faced criminal charges brought by the gov-crament whose legitimacy they denied in a courtroom in Billings, Montana yesterday.

The Freemen surrendered peacefully at sunset on Thursday night. After a group prayer, they walked out of their ranch into two FBI vans without being handcuffed. The 81-day siege that became the longest in modern US history cost several million dollars, with 633 FBI agents rotated in and out of remote eastern Montana.

President Bill Clinton praised the enforcement of the law "in a way that did not do harm to anvone".

The Freemen are accused of multi-million dollar fraud and issuing death threats as they set up their own courts, banks, and government. They run from dispossessed Montana ranchers to far-right activists from North Carolina. Two women from the ranch who did not face charges

The siege ended after agents cut off telephones and electricity to the ranch 10 days ago. FBI director, Louis Freeh, said some agents were critical of the bureau for waiting too long. "I understand their impatience," he



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Rogue traders and other Eighties relics

re the Eighties on their way back? A With huge City pay-outs, the return of house-price inflation and the return of giant financial fraudsters to rival the junk-bond kings of Wall Street a decade ago, there is a strange financial nostalgia in the air. Is greed good again? Are the buccaneers of capitalism

The word being bandied around this morning in reports of Sumitomo's huge losses on the copper market is "maverick". It got a good airing in the Leeson case, too. By using such words, people find a sliver of reassurance in these tales of corporate legerdemain. It has to do with the individual's capacity to buck the system. Mavericks prove that the system has openings and flaws - that cheek and chutzpah can pay off. There's anxious talk these days about globalisation, shorthand for inexorable flows of trade and capital around the world. But globalisation turns out, at least in Sumitomo's trading rooms, to be a game which is possible to read

This is false and dangerous romanticism which helped to discredit the Eighties when they happened for real. Rogue traders deserve to be nobody's heroes.

They are merely unable to realise their money lust in the ways legitimate colleagues do. "Money lust" may sound like an old hair-shirt phrase; we have, of course, all learnt that it is acquisitiveness that makes the markets go round; and the Eighties were not in vain. Our public conversation does now have a more economically realistic make-up. Greed, we agree, is functional - up to a point. What is difficult, however, is to find the point. Some of the recent figures do sound like a replay of the late Eighties. Goldman Sachs pays out million-dollar bonuses by the score; Deutsche Morgan Grenfell lays on recruitment incentives with a golden trowel. The Bollinger bubbles in Broadgate. Happy days are here again - for at least some of the children of the Square Mile.

But the Nineties remains the decade of shake-out. In the City, high-paying firms are firing at the same time as they are hiring. And outside the City, yuppy spoors are less easy to trace. Real earnings are up, but only slightly. Like the Cheshire Cat's smile, house-price inflation is seen here and there, but when you look close, all that's left is a suspiciously familiar anecdote about gazumping.

The truth is that the Eighties are dead



and irrecoverable - if what we mean is the exuberant mood that gripped the nation between late 1987 and the fall of Margaret Thatcher. And a good thing, too. It was a binge. The mood had something to do with Tory political dominance and a lot more to do with Nigel Lawson's inflation. Today, City traders revelling in a huge bonus feel good because they are enjoying a burst of inflation. But today, many of the rest of us are deflating - which makes the relations of City rewards to our prices, incomes and employment in the domestic economy somewhat hard to see.

Money-grabbing in the City is significant if it becomes a harbinger of revival in the mysterious feel-good factor. This is like the truth in *The X-Files*: it's definitely out there, just very difficult to spot at present. Conservative Party analysis scan the horizon with their field glasses as through the famous factor were a homing pigeon which has to get back to the loft before the dissolution bell sounds. And the rest of us remain puzzled and grub for clues. It feels like the Eighties; but it doesn't feel like the Eighties.

For instance, if we are all better off, which we are, why doesn't the Government get some benefit? Part of the answer is that

our city centres

Sir: It is clear that we will need very

substantial additional housing to

cater for population and social

changes already under way ("We

must start planning for an urban

One of the striking differences between British and Continental

in the centre. Those cities whose

diverse residential populations in

vibrancy we so admire - Paris,

their downtown areas. The

proportion of people living in

central areas of British cities is

future". 6 June).

we are too well aware that "we" is not allinclusive. The other day, the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, made a speech in a church about poverty and wealth. If ever we wanted evidence that the Eighties are over, here it was. Actually, he had a good story to tell, based on empirical evidence about rising spending levels for the bottom decile of the population. Yet he seemed throughout to be on his back foot. Once (in the Eighties) he would have derided the very idea of "fat cats"; now Mr Lilley is defensive. There were only a "handful" of cases, he said airily, apparently accepting the moral force of the criticism of exceedingly large boardroom pay-ments. A robust defence of inequality (which we heard from the right last time round) this was not.

The Zeitgeist does not win elections: political parties lose them. Time has moved on and the Conservatives' problem is how uncomfortable they look in a world they have done so much to create. Do they no longer have any views about milliondollar bonuses for options traders? Do they still think greed is good? They used to sound sure. They used to celebrate their brave new world. But that was long ago. That was in the Eighties.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Minorities need more than divisive pats on the back

Sir: The analysis presented in the HMSO's publication, Ethnicity in the 1991 Census (report, 12 June) obscures as much as it reveals

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The Asian community, like any other, cannot be so neatly pigeonholed. While it is certainly true that mard work, micginy and nota combined to project numerous members of the community to the top of their chosen businesses and "hard work, integrity and luck" have professions, it is equally true that many still face the same problems of memployment, deprivation and lack of opportunity that affect the whole of society.

Rather than divisive pats on the back for those facing a "Jewish" as opposed to an "Irish" future, the Asian community, like everybody else, needs new policies to create jobs, security and well-being.

As for the equally relevant Asian success stories, the community would feel more reassured that their efforts were acknowledged and appreciated if statistics and newspaper articles were complemented by something a little more official. The honours list would be a good place to start. KEITH VAZ MP (Leicester East, Lab) London SWI

> Sir: Jason Bennetto ("Asians emerge as the new money makers" 12 June) strikes a warning bell. Urban social policy must become part of the solution to the ills of racialised postmodern cities or, misguided, it will be part of their most obstinate

The prognosis for the future is explosive. Politicians and city-builders



Brixton market, south London: supporting enterprise can help to improve disadvantaged areas

who aspire to leadership in the new market-led global economy ignore major problems of poverty and racism. Hard-pressed city managers chase hi-tech, capital-intensive projects, but fail to introduce longterm renewal programmes. A recent tour of European cities reveals a similar pattern of defining immigrants and ethnic minorities as "problem people" and applying makeshift poultices to serious urban

social inclusion and integration have to be addressed if black people, the

progeny of workers who helped build post-war urban economies, are not to become a stigmatised, devalued throw-away underclass. There must he improvement of disadvantaged districts with high concentrations of people from racial and ethnic minorities. And this must mean increased support for community and black enterprise, as well as the dismantling of racially discriminatory restrictions to city wide job markets, education and Clearly, major policy issues of

Socially sensitive, community-led research is also needed, rather than

If she wants teaching done according

to her own judgement she must do it

Liberal Democrat Social Security

Sir: Conservative politicians are

timely to remind them that

ascribing present-day deficiencies in

education to "socialist ideology". It is

Conservative administrations played

mass-produced official statistics interpreted by discredited notions of "Jewish futures" for Indians and "Irish futures" for Afro-Caribbeans. as mentioned in your article. Above all, new directions in urban policy are necessary to achieve a clearer picture of the black community, not as impotent spectators of inexorable forces, but as key actors in postmodern cities who are able to participate in and influence the future. Dr THOMAS L BLAIR Urban Development Consultant

the money men

Sir: Books? It's both worse and better than Giles Gordon says (article, 14 June).

There is indeed a huge move towards the lower-middle-mass market, but it's not just WH Smith. While they may be cutting down on range, this means stocking only 56 different heartwarming Cockney sagas instead of 73, 34 different books on aromatherapy instead of 92, and 141 different ways to be a more wonderful person instead of 3,289. If you have nothing but metoo publishing year after year (and therefore me-too agenting), you will get boring bookshops, and eventually booksellers will rebel against being

before. The accountants and the marketing executives who now rule publishing used to run the baking and brewing industries. They looked through the fat ends of their telescopes and thought we would ea Mother's Pride and drink Watney's Red Barrel for all time. Luckily. such people understand absolutely nothing about life except numbers, so we ended up with better bread and better beer than ever before. All we need now is a Campaign for Real Books and the same can happen again. GORDON THORBURN

Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria

UK snubs Russians

Sir: It is not only football supporters ("Russian fans cry foul at visa chaos", 12 June) who are suffering from our treatment of Russians wanting to visit the UK. It is starting to sour Anglo-Russian relations.

Russians are mystified by the way that we claim to have welcomed a democratic Russia in the international community yet seem to treat individual Russians with

contempt. If our "freedom" turns out to be hollow, we should not be surprised if some prefer to vote for national

DAVID SCOTT Scott's Towns

Move people into our city centres LETTER from THE EDITOR

The postbag has been bulging with Toynbee letters - for, against, and above all those from the people who have clearly read every syllable of the cities is the number of people living controversy before settling down to write several pages about how it doesn't interest Berlin, Amsterdam - have large and them at all. I think the simple messages are exactly as they were. The Daily Mail, followed by the Times, were keen to give Polly a kicking. The Mail

They had pretended, albeit

wouldn't want to hurt a child,

would they? This exercise in

decent self-restraint was, by

Mail standards, heroic. It lasted

two days. A day later, the Times,

holding its nose, decided that

the sad story of a breaking mar-

riage was, if you please, a

'debate", and therefore

deserved two full pages.

vanishingly small. For example indulged in dirty-raincoat jour-Leeds has a population of 700,000, of whom 900 live in the city centre. nalism. She hit first, expecting the retaliation to follow. And follow it did. As a new Yet there is a massive amount of vacant accommodation in central editor, I was perhaps naive. I'd expected the Mail to defend its areas of our cities, located above style of journalism, attack shops and other commercial premises. Some estimates put this as Polly's views and perhaps attack

high as 500,000 potential dwellings. me, too. in fact, the Mail went Urban development is often more to the ex-wife of Polly Toynbee's expensive, at least in the short term, partner. This was the "punish than greenfield development. It will ment" that those family men also require investment in cultural and social facilities as well as deemed fit for a liberal who went into print about how they transport. Are we prepared to will the means to do the job properly? behave. very briefly, to second thoughts about this story because it Can we afford not to? TIM MARS would hurt a child. And they

Head of Policy and Campaigns The Civic Trust London SWI

Rescue books from

Privately, lots of people on both papers have expressed their disgust about this sort of stuff. But nobody came to her defence. Had a right-wing columnist from another paper been attacked in this way for their views. Polly would have been defending them with ferocity from day one. But from the moralists and thunderers, there has come silence, broken only by the faint sound of feet

Now here is a story for John Major after what has been, yet again, a bloody week for him. isked to stock yet more "product" But don't worry. It's all happened The Conservative Party cheers itself up in private with "Willieisms" - those priceless, worldme, which is appropriate for the

weary murmurings of the for-mer deputy leader Viscount Whitelaw, of which the most famous was his general election strategy of "going about the country, stirring up apathy". Well, here is another, new to

week in which the Lady sent cash to Cash: "You may not laugh at her. [heavy pause] But you take her seriously at your

The other great old predator swimming through British polities this week has, of course, been Sir James Goldsmith. I had dinner with him and various others not so long ago in London and was mesmerised by his darting ice-blue eyes and his sibilant, insistent, fact-packed conversation. There was a ficree argument round the table about protectionism and free trade which ranged from 19th-century American history to the condi-

Where small children upturn bowls of breakfast cereal, certain billionaires kick over a political party and watch all

the little people run

tion of the poor in cities in southern China today. Here, I thought, was a potential successor to the great protectionist of Edwardian England. Joseph Chamberlain - someone with the same flashy tastes. vivid style and outsider's eye view of declining British power. But Goldsmith is getting on. and shunned entirely by the establishment, and has no locus in our political system - no MPs, no wider manifesto.

So what's his game? Is he trying to draw over a section of the Conservative right to his own protectionist agenda by way of the referendum campaign? Is he planning a wider shift in nationalist politics, with himself as a player? He denies it: they deny it. But if he isn't trying to do that, he can be no more than a troublemaker. In the end, I think that's what he wants to be. He is having fun. Where small children upturn bowls of breakfast cereal and tecnagers smash windows, certain billionaires kick over a political party and watch all the little people run.

Andrew Marr

QUOTE UNQUOTE

The Government's nuclear con trick has been exposed. Privatisation represents a massive gift from the taxpayer to private sector - Dr Patrick Green, Friends of the Earth energy campaigner The Prince of Wales played really well. I think not having a whingeing wife waiting in the car park made all the difference - senior member of the Guards' Polo Club after a match

It's amazing how many people beat you at golf now that you are no longer President - George Bush

Fergie is the one with British pluck - and since when was having a voluptuous bottom a criminal offence? - Paula Yates, 71

Russia was once thrown into the abyss of civil war and the curse of the civil war has hung over Russia ever since. We have had enough of it. For us electoral victory is the way to establish sta-

bility in Russia - Boris Yeltsin, Russian President I don't have any trouble livin' with Ray Charles. I like him. I mean, he's a nice man. We get along fine, me and him - Ray Charles. jazz singer, who lives alone

On important days, my old teacher always said, let the speeches be short, and the sausages be long. The vital thing is to sustain oneself - Helmut Kohl, German Chancellor

Speaking out about child abuse in homes

Sir: Congratulations to the Independent on your campaign to raise the profile of abuse in children's homes, culminating in the Government's acceptance of the need for a full-scale national inquiry. Clearly there is great public concern about the vulnerability of children in care and much needs to be done to restore confidence in this vital

The Government could make a positive start by giving its support to the Public Interest Disclosure Bill, which has its Third Reading on 12 July. Staff who work in care homes will often be the first to suspect that a child is being abused but won't speak out about their worries, whether through fear of losing their jobs or because of a culture of silence created by a dominant and autocratic

It is this sort of culture that must be changed if the public is to have confidence that children in care will not be abused.

I am confident that the provisions in the Bill will be a part of the recommendations of the national inquiry. The Government has the opportunity and indeed the duty to act now to stop further abuse taking place.
DON TOUHIG MP (Islwyn, Lab) House of Commons London SWI

Potent potion

Sir: I suggest that the news of the successful anti-impotence cream (report, 14 June) be widely circulated, particularly in the Far East, At last we may have the answer to saving the tiger and rhinoceros **ELMIT BRANTON** Market Deeping,

Shephard dictates to the teachers professional conscience but our own

herself.

Earl RUSSELL

House of Lords

spokesperson

Sir: Gillian Shephard, in attempting to lay down detailed methods for the teaching of maths and English, is beyond the limits of her professional competence ("Tories act to stamp out trendy teaching", 13 June). She would not, I hope, use ministerial responsibility to tell a surgeon when to operate, a lawyer how to interpret the latest ruling of the Court of Appeal or Mike Atherton how to

play an out-swinger.

She will of course reply that she is right. It is a defence more often employed than upheld. It is of course possible that the view may be right but that does not give her the authority to impose her opinion. In transferring an issue of judgement into one of academic freedom, she is likely to freeze the normal processes of professional change and prolong the teaching practices to which she objects for much longer than they would otherwise have lasted.

Good teaching can be done in many different styles and none of us can teach according to any

Sir: Paddy Ashdown made some

Independent interview (12 June) on

the subject of a "constructive vote of confidence", in which, "an opposition could only bring down a

government ... if it could assemble an alternative by trading with

This, of course, was the West

designed to prevent the extreme

left or right from bringing down a

government, unless a majority of

Ashdown and his party with such a

system. For if a new government

the Bundestag could agree on a

There would be, of course,

enormous advantages to Mr

German system, which was

interesting comments in his

political parties".

Successor.

their part in promoting the structures and methods they now criticise. For instance, when the Conservatives won control of the Inner London Education Authority in the late Sixties, they inherited from Labour projects for several large comprehensive schools, which they could have cancelled. Under the leadership of Christopher Chataway they proceeded to build all of them. Neath, West Glamorgan

How Ashdown could play the kingmaker

could be formed by, say, a smaller party switching its support in a hung parliament from Labour to Conservative, then this could be done without recourse to the electorate; such an outcome was triggered in Germany by the Free Democrats' movement from the

SPD to the Christian Democrats. In Britain if a government has no majority, or loses it, it can only be brought down if it then loses a vote of confidence. An election follows. Under Mr Ashdown's proposals, the Liberal Democrats, by moving their support, could change the government without one voter being consulted. ROBERT KHAN

No chance for Fayeds to clear their name

Sir: Your comment of 11 June upon the unconfirmed reports that this company might be floated on the stock market made much of the 1990 Department of Trade and Industry report on the takeover of the of House of Fraser in 1985 and the critical comments made by the two inspectors.

Henford

As the Government itself made clear in the case of Fayed vs the United Kingdom before the European Court of Human Rights in 1994, the contents of the report were no more than the inspectors' opinion and they had taken into account hearsay which would not he admissible in a court of law.

It was not the inspectors' function to reach any conclusions as to whether any offences had been committed. Those who did have that responsibility the Serious Fraud Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that there was nothing to warrant criminal proceedings. The report did not lead to any civil proceedings, nor was there a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, nor was there any move to seek the disqualification of the Fayed brothers as company directors.

Because no case was ever brought the Fayed brothers were never able to demonstrate in court the wrongheadedness of the inspectors. opinion. At the same time, the report was protected by privilege and so the Fayed brothers were not able to institute proceedings for libel. As Lord Mishcon said in the House of Lords at the time, it is the worst of all worlds when someone is accused in an official report but denied any means of defending himself because no action is taken upon it. MICHAEL COLE Director of Public Affairs Harrods

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Marie-Louise von Motesiczky

Marie-Louise von Motesiczky was a painter of exceptional bumanity and wit whose portraits oured place in European art.

Born in Vienna in 1906, she had a long productive life despite the tragic upheaval of leaving Austria in 1938, and suffering many years of British indifference to German art. The influential admirers, but have only sporadically received the public attention due to them.

In 1985, late in life, she had a retrospective in London at the Goethe Institute which was greeted by reviewers as a major discovery, and included, in its entirety, the series of paintings of her mother in old age for which she has, in a short space of time, become famous (one is in the Tate, one in Manchester City Art Gallery, another in the Arts Council Collection). In 1994 she was honoured in Vienna by an exhibition at the Belvedere (travelling on to Manchester) which was better attended than any previous exhibition of contemporary art.

ented cellist. He died when Marie-Louise was three, and she grew up close to her mothand still lifes deserve an hon- er's family, the von Liebens, who were wealthy and cultivated. They had helped finance the building of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, and in their salon Hofmannsthal had read his first poems. Her grandparents' Ringstrasse apartment and vilpaintings have always had their la at Hinterbruhl were furnished with a rich art collection.

> Marie-Louise knew from the age of 13 that she would become a painter, and she left school to study art. She attended art schools in Vienna, and travelled to Holland, Paris and Frankfurt; but the decisive event in her artistic formation was her meeting with Max Beckmann. She had, however, already shown an extraordinary talent in portraits and still lifes she had made before their friendship developed

into a master/pupil relationship. Beckmann's example showed Motesiczky how a contemporary artist could build on the great art of the past, and his energy in the struggle to compete with fashionable abstract art was vital as a source of confidence. In 1926 she visited Paris where she

rented a studio, and saw Beckmann from time to time. There she painted a first masterpiece (Paris Workman) and shortly afterwards a remarkable statuesque Self-portrait with Comb. now in the Belvedere, Vienna. A year later she attended Beckmann's masterclass at the Stadel in Frankfurt. By the late 1930s she had evolved away from Beckmann stylistically, avoiding his graphic generalisation of facial features in favour of a more painterly approach.

friendship was with Oskar Kokoschka, whom she got to know in wartime London. Her relationship with these two werful and prolific painters (her own output is small in comparison) was not one of dependency but affinity, sharing with both an attachment to allegory and traditional genres, especially still life and the portrait. But Motesiczky's subjects are different in mood and emphasis, and her attitude towards subject matter closer to that of

The other important artistic

a 19th-century artist. Her overriding interest is in human character: for her a fig-ure is always suggestive of dra-

anything with a figure, is a story." Some fine paintings result from the bargain struck between sitter and paid artist, for instance the magisterial portrait of Baron Philippe de Roth-schild (1986, Fitzwilliam Museum). But her best works are of people she chose to paint, sometimes people for whom life was a struggle. She replaces the historical and religious subject matter of the old masters with a subtle drama drawn from her own life, involving friends and relatives, which is often dis-

schluss, Marie-Louise and her mother left Austria for relatives in Holland. In 1939, after a first exhibition in The Hague, they travelled to London. Marie-Louise's brother Karl stayed on in Vienna from where he helped other Jews to escape. He was denounced and transported to Auschwitz, where he was murdered. Karl is the imagined addressee of three touching paintings of the late 1940s, one a double portrait of him and his girlfriend, the others allegorical still lifes with apples.

In 1938, the day after the An-

tinctly satirical.

Marie-Louise von Motesiczky grew to love London. With exile came responsibility for her mother Henriette, who is the subject of a series of truly great paintings which chart the onset of old age and death. Marie-Louise views her mother with an objectivity disturbing yet touching. Henriette, often depicted lying in bed, radiates a strong light that forms a contrast to her frail state. Humorous touches such as the pet dogs that were Henriette's constant attribute, reveal the warmth of

their relationship.

Motesiczky never married and lived alone after her mother's death in 1978. Her most important friendship was with the novelist Elias Canetti to whom she was very close for 30 years and whom she painted several times. His was the last major portrait she painted in 1993, not long before he died, now in the National Portrait Gallery.

Motesiczky's considerable achievement centres on the representation of people. Indeed, her obsession with character informs all of her work, not least the still lifes in which we glimpse the artist's own creaturely enjoyment of food, books and flowers brought in from her beautiful garden.

To know her was a wonderful experience, if not always an easy one. She resisted the attempts of others to discuss her work, correctly insisting on the pictures speaking for themselves. When her guard was down she was a fascinating speaker about her own or any painting, and she knew better than anybody the art of painting the face.

Motesiczky never needed to sell her paintings, indeed she preferred to keep them around her. An aristocratic disdain for the marketplace meant that, while she half welcomed exhibitions, they remained uncomfortable experiences. For these reasons she remains to be discovered as an important artist in the German tradition, to be mentioned in the same breath as her friends Beckmann and

Peter Black

Marie-Louise von Motesiczky, artist: born Vienna 24 October 1906; died London 10 June



Professor Robert Kidd

Professor Robert Kidd was a leading figure in the hugely successful international programme exploring the world's oceans by deep drilling. This programme involves 19 countries and has been responsible for some of the most important developments in understanding the evolution of our planet.

Kidd became involved in the Cardiff. International Deep Sea Drilling Programme as a post-doctoral fellow at Scripps Institute of suring that marine geoscientists Oceanography in California in the United Kingdom have ac from 1973 to 1975, where he cess to the priceless Ocean carried out the first synthesis on sediment distributions in a developing ocean through time. to promote and support ODP He was involved in ocean drilling science from then on. He participated in five drilling expeditions, on three of which he was co-chief scientist, as well as many other geological oceanographic studies.

Some of the obtstanding results from this research include recognition of anoxic events (periods of large-scale stagnation) in the Mediterranean and the first plan-view studies of large-scale sedimentary fea-tures in the North Atlantic using side-scan sonar. His personal studies on the history of ocean circulation, sediment drift and high resolution stratig-

raphy are widely acclaimed.

Kidd's commitment to the exploration of the deep ocean through drilling, along with his passionate belief in the worth of the data collected, was paramount for more than two decades. He obtained his PhD in 1973 working in the Tyrrhenian Sea. His early work included research on bottom current control on sedimentation (how ocean currents control and move sediment) and hydrothermal formation of scamount micronodules (sea-mount is an old volcano sunk beneath the sea, on which manganese oxide nodules form over a long period of time). His academic career took him from a full Professor of Oceanography at Texas A & M University to a Chair of Geology at the University of Wales Cardiff in 1989.

At Texas he was charged with putting in place procedures for pre-cruise planning, shipboard organisation, and post-cruise activities and publications. He also developed the state-of-the-art shipboard and share-based laboratories for the great ship of the Joint Oceanographic Institution's Deep Exploration of the Sea. JOIDES Resolution.

At Swansea, Kidd organised the merger of the Geology and Oceanography Departments to become the Department of Earth Sciences, prior to the University Grants Committee Earth Sciences Review. On transferring to Cardiff he established the Cardiff Marine Geosciences Research Group, one of the most active seagoing geological and geophysical groups in Britain.

management skills were recog- London 9 June 1996.

nised by his Chairmanship of the Site Survey Panel for cruises of the JOIDES Resolution from 1989 to 1993, and most recently by becoming chair of the JOIDES Planning Committee 1994 to 1996. He headed the first JOIDES office to be established outside the United States at the University of Wales

There was no more dedicated individual to the cause of en-Drilling Programme (ODP) resource. Kidd worked tirelessly science. Recently, British participation in this programme was called into question. Kidd gave outstanding presentations on the excitement and novelty of Ocean Drilling science to various review committees and the Natural Environment Research Council. It is now clear that British involvement is safe and that Rob Kidd deserves the accolades of the scientific community for the central role he

has played. On 4 June he was awarded the Major John Sachervell A'Deane Coke Medal by the Geological Society of London. This is awarded to those



Kidd: exploration of the oceans

who show both excellence as scientists and have made in various ways major contributions to the community. No one better illustrated the attributes of a Coke medallist than Rob Kidd for his outstanding achievements in research and altruism on behalf of marine

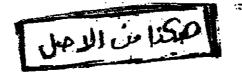
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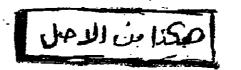
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'It is such a relief to know that my ex is right. I do think my life is a film'

ing to the Rolling Stones? If my on / off ex could see me, he'd say it's because I think my life is a movie. I do a little high kick. A soldier in a green beret eyes me nervously. I tell the soldier that I'm listen-ing to "Happy" - "It's one of the few tracks that Keef sang on", as if that explains everything. Not quite. At what point did I decide I hated the people I invited back to my flat so much that I

threw myself out and came stomping past Victoria tube to complain to the Queen? When I get home, they are still there, asleep. Lauren is awake, but I'm not angry at her. She spends the afternoon doing the washing-up. My flatmate Grace calls, furious, from work. "It's hard to concentrate at the office when you've been kept up all night by the sound of people cooking pasta." "I'm sorry." She

hy am I outside Buckingham
Palace at 6.30 in the morning,
wearing a Walkman and dancwearing a Walkman and dancJames." Grace snorts, "Oh, lucky you."

Punk James only made it into the equation after we've been skulking round Camden for three hours like saddo Blur fans. Lauren and I flit from grotty, peeling pub to grotty, peeling café. Then we go to Sonic Youth, who we don't have tickets for and don't particularly want to see. But we get in anyway. Then we go to a bar in the West End, where we bump into Floyd. Then

on to Stringfellows.
Sonic Youth, Stringfellows, they're both the same to Lauren, who gets us in even though we seem to be the only ones around not wearing white leather. She has a word with a bouncer and we are given a complimentary bottle of champagne. Lauren is like a DC comic: by day she's a philosophy student by night a Warhol Superstar. Next we go to a Spanish bar, then an illegal drinking

EMMA FORREST



Saturday night Sunday moming

In the cab, it turns out that Floyd is a major film buff.

I tear around my room pulling books from shelves and videos from their yawns. "Who's there?" "Um, Lauren, den beneath a sex shop. Then back to boxes. "Look at this." I put on The Bad and the Beautiful and make him look at

photos of Burt Lancaster. He admires them all, wearing the same encouraging face my Mum used to make when I'd yell.

"Hey, watch me dive!" But as he knocks back another drink, he decides it would be a good idea to wake Grace up because, he grins, she fancies him. I have known Grace for four years. I know which men she fancies and he is not one of them. Downstairs, I hear

Punk James smash a glass.
Floyd continues looking through my books and magazines and now I don't want him to. I have lost interest in showand-tell. He finds an old school magazine and starts teasing me: "Jolly hockey sticks." "No, actually," I sulk. "I always had miserable hockey sticks because I'd carve Manie Street Preacher lyrics on to the wood with my compass." He spits out his vodka. "Worst band in the world. I once punched one of them." You did not." "Yes I did." This is ridiculous - "my favourite band could have your favourite band", which would probably mean The Manics versus Nancy Sinatra.

I put on my ex's compilation tape: The Stones, Happy Mondays, Dexys Mid-night Runners. "Eurgh." cries Floyd, "I hate that record. Whoever made you this tape has no taste in music." I put on my best "I knew Jack Kennedy and you, Sir, are no Jack Kennedy" voice and inform him that my boyfriend had excellent taste in music. Since Floyd has now passed out cold. I can't throw him out of my flat so I grab my Walkman and

of my flat so I grab my wantiam and keys and stomp out.

Once I have stormed on to the landing I remember that whenever you read about terrible crimes, they have always happened in the early hours of the morning. For a while, I curl up on the stairs. But that's not how any proper film would end. I have the soundtrack in my hand. It is my duty to get out there and hand. It is my duty to get out there and run through the rain. It is such a relief to know, for sure, that my ex is right. I do think my life is a film. It kills me that no one is around to see how well I act my part. And that's when I do my dance for the Queen.

The sleeping airline pilots and other

stories from the frontiers of the believable

In case of emergency, passengers are advised to wake like pilot. Following a ruling by Air New Zealand, their pilots are now allowed to take a half-hour nap during any flight further than Australia. In a memo to staff, the airline said it was "better to have one pilot asleep during a period of low activity than to have both asleep in a two-pilot environment or all three asleep in a three-crew aircraft." Representatives of the pilots union are reported to be surprised by the decision.

Cax, wires and videotapes do not lie well together, according to Merlina Merton, a Filipina expert on the ancient Chinese practice of Feng Shui - the art of arranging the objects in a room in harmony with the intended function of the room itself. In her forum on "How to Make a Wedding and Undo a Marriage," Ms Merton has produced a set of advice for honeymooners that includes making sure the bathroom door does not open towards the bed, not having the TV set facing you if you want to have good sex, and not having electrical wires trailing on the floor, any of which may upset the energy field of the bed and interfere with activities therein.

Where was the Antichrist on 6 June? There were reports of mass hysteria in Colombia last week because it was the sixth day of the sixth month of a year ending in a six - all of which suggested 666, the Mark of Satan referred to in the Book of Revelation. Thousands of mass baptisms took place throughout the country, in the belief that the Antichrist would appear on that date and claim all children who had not been baptised. The date itself, however, passed without particular incident and no reported sightings of the Antichrist.

There's nothing wrong with fibbing. Everybody does it according to a study at the University of Virginia. A detailed analysis of the behaviour of 77 university students and 70 local non-university residents revealed that undergraduates lied in one third of all their social interactions, while the locals told fibs in one in five. Most lies, however, are devices to enhance self-esteem rather than to mislead. "I can go as far as saying it would be a disaster if everyone tried to tell the truth all the time," said psychology professor Bella DePaulo. "If you tell the whole truth, you start alienating people. You'd have to go back and apologize because you've made a mess of your interpersonal relationships." But she didn't say whether she was telling the truth.

What's in a name? A double "ph" in the case of Wnine-year-old Christophpher Agergaard of Copenhagen. His mother Pia has been fighting since he was born for the right to give him the unusual spelling, against a series of court rul-ings, and government-imposed fines totalling almost £3,000. Under Danish law, parents may give children only names approved by the state and the church. In 1995, the Court of Ecclesiastic Affairs ruled that the name was illegal: a double "f" was fine, but Mrs Agergaard"s spelling was a ph too far. Now the Minister of Ecclesiastic Affairs has acknowledged that the law "maybe was a little too tight".

t's cholesterol-free and very tasty. But you need very high fences to stop it escaping. The paakantyi-Dareton tribe of Australian aborigines have been hunting the red kangaroo for its meat for centuries and now want to set up the country's first kangaroo ranch - with tall fences - to enable them to add to the growing export trade. A spokesman for the tribe said: "The elders look on red kangaroos the same way as you and I look on a cow." Which may not be as good news for the export trade as he seems to think.

/nee transplants are now available in Bavaria. The first Asuch operation was performed by surgeons in Southern germany on 12 June on a 17-year-old victim of a motorcycle accident. In a 14-hour operation, they replaced the shattered knee with

Dhrase books are not what they used to be. New edi-tions of the Marco Polo Guides have dropped such useful expressions as "Where is the post office?" and "How do I get to the beach?" in favour of "I would like to sleep with you" and "Do you have a condom?" The essentially moral stance of the guides is, however, preserved with the inclusion of "Stop at once."

Vortied because you are so shor? According to new research, it may be the other way round: if you are below average height, it could be because you have an anxious nature. Studies in New York have shown that anxious girls are about twice as likely as non-anxious girls to be under 5ft 4in (1.6m). The link between anxiety and stature was found in children who were not particularly short at the outset, and it was found only in girls. The research supports a theory that anxiety inhibits the development of growth

Caushot weddings may be on the increase. Particularly lafter a spectacularly unsuccessful Mother's Day promotion in North Carolina where a chain of jewellery stores offered afree .22 calibre rifle with the purchase of anydiamond ring. The offer was dropped after adeluge of complaints. "We've offended some of our older female customers," said the manager of the stores.

Dags to riches? It's unlikely now in Honduras, fol-Nowing a decision to drop a proposed tax increase of imported second-hand clothes. Officials had raised the tariff on such goods from 50 cents per pound weight to 90 cents per pound in an attempt to protect the local clothes manufacturing industry. The tax office, however, has abandoned the plans after protests from the poor, who said it would leave them naked.

Organising a family get-together? Then spare a thought for Wu Yundi, 99, and her husband, Yan Wuben, 97, of Jiangying township in China, the oldest member's of their country's largest family, all 160 members of whom live together in the township. There are five generations of the family and Wu and Yan attribute their longevity to "their love and to the harmony among the family members". They also take a tipple of rice wine every day.



My week Graham Sharpe

Bookmaker



Today was manic, with two major sporting events. The Derby and the first day of Euro 96 meant £40m has been gambled nationwide. That sounds like a lot but I'm expecting a betting blitz of up to £100m on Euro 96. The '94 World Cup was the first event to outstrip the Grand National, with £70m bet. But this is a tournament, in this country, with home nations competing, so I'll be disappointed if Euro 96 doesn't break that record. As a manager, my prime objective is not to take money, but to publicise the odds. Until today's England / Switzerland match, the best outsider was a gentleman who had 5,000-I on England winning Euro 96 without scoring a single goal. He was on to a loser with the one-all draw. Other punters have placed five-figure sums on individual teams. For the Derby, we had to assess the house-husbands' choice, Alex Greaves. She was the first female jockey ever to compete in the race and our odds were 150-1 that she'd make the top three.

Unfortunately, she finished last. Weirdly, the winner was trained by Lester Piggot's son-in-law, so although the old jockey's retired, he still managed to influence the outcome.

With Euro 96 we have to update the odds after every match. There were three today, so it's a bit of a scramble. We have a team compiling odds, so I don't have to work them out myself, but my brain keeps ticking even when I'm away from work. My best bit of inspiration was some years ago, when I was at home one evening charting to my wife about Dallas. I didn't really watch the soap but she was wondering who shot JR. The next day I went in and turned it into a novelty bet that took a quarter of a million. That was the good news, the bad news was that it was Kristen, who was a popular bet, so we ended up paying out more than we'd taken. Still, in this business the secret is a big turnover, in a way the outcome is irrelevant, you're always going to win some and lose some.

Sat and read all the papers. I do that every morning, not reading everything, but skimming for things that might influence the odds. That can be almost anything, but politics are big business every time a general election comes round. The other day, interest rates suddenly dropped, so I had to think: will that effect Conservative fortunes? That morning we shortened the odds on a Tory win and dropped them against an October election. Every day I get strange letters from the public. Today, I got one from two friends who are pregnant, and want to know if they could bet on having their babies on the same day. There was also a fairly standard one from a dad who wants to bet that his son will make the England squad by the age of 25.

This morning the radio said the temperature was going to be 86F. or if it's going to reach 100F this week, all that kind of stuff. With Ascot and Wimbledon looming, there's always more betting on the weather. I spent a normal afternoon keeping up with sport on satellite TV. As soon as one thing finishes another begins. The French Open finished the other day; in its place we've got the Stella Artois.

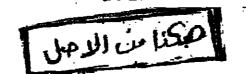
Colin Dexter has announced that in his last Inspector Morse he's going to reveal the detective's Christian name. It's out in September, so we closed the bet. He knows the name, his publishers do, so it would be dangerous to keep it open. The most popular choice is Ernest, at 5-1.

I started in the business 20 years ago, chalking up the scores in a betting shop. I learnt how to settle bets, managed a bookies and ended up here, Weather is big in this country, so I started thinking about the odds for the UK heat record being bearen this year,

in the morning to check the latest odds for the presidential election. The Olympics are coming up and if Linford Christie runs at 3am, I'll have to be up at 2.50am. I opened more letters from punters. A grandmother wants to back her granddaughter as the next Naomi Campbell.

In the space of half an hour, I had two punters lay substantial bets at 100-1 on the Queen abdicating before the end of the year. One would be unusual, two is remarkable. Maybe they know something I don't. If I get any more, I'll have to phone the Palace. They won't tell me anything of course, but you have to try to get as much information as you can. Tomorrow should be the biggest betting game in Euro 96, as the Scots top the league of football gamblers. Sadly, their most popular bet is that they'll be knocked out without scoring a goal.

> Graham Sharpe was talking to Liese Spencer



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Not 50, not 30: to you guy, a pony

If you've got the stamina, you can rub shoulders with barrow boys and antiques dealers at Bermondsey market at 5am and pick up a Gainsborough for under a ton. But if you've got real money, forget the hoi polloi and head for the Grosvenor House. 'Only \$1.5m? Do you take American Express?'

Forried about the net worth of your estate, what the children are going to squander once you've gone? Want a wheeze to squeeze that tiny bit of extra value from your lifetime? Well, here's a thought: your body could itself be worth a pretty penny in years to come. Take the human skull. Scraped down, cleaned up, teeth polished, a couple of springs holding the law so that it clacks open and shut in a naturalistic manner, and it could make a jolly table ornament. One such was selling for £220 on a stall at Bermondsey antiques market in the heat haze of last Friday morning, though its antiquity wasn't certified. Come to think of it, this could be the perfect way to dispose of murder victims: the police would never suspect that such audacity could be possible.

They probably wouldn't be up early enough, either. The only people who rise with the Bermondsey market traders are milkmen and disc jockeys. I'm not unfamiliar with the dawn myself; it's just that I thought it existed to remind you to stop talking and go to bed. But the wedding season is here, and if one's going to pay for the slot in church and those halfdozen glasses of sparkling wine, one has to

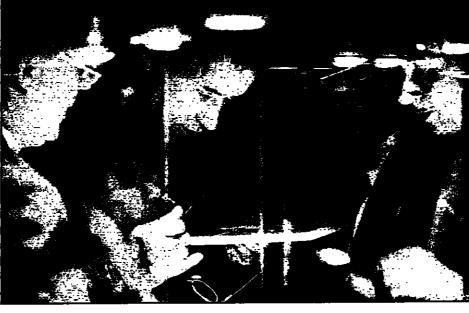
come up with the booty.

Bermondsey market is famous as the place where the contents of people's houses end up. The term "house clearance" can have a certain euphemistic qualify, after all. The contents of museums occasionally fetch up there, as well. A punter famously bought a Gainsborough for £85 and a Reynolds for £60 there in 1992. They had been stolen (with some violence) from Lincoln's Inn Fields in 1990, when they had been valued at £2m. Not a bad profit margin if you don't mind a spell in jail.

Bermondsey has apparently cleaned up its act since the law of Market Ouvert was rescinded in 1994. Market Ouvert basically said that, as long as you bought your stolen goods in certain markets during the hours of daylight, the former owner couldn't claim it back if they tracked you down. Nowadays, the only trace of Market Onvert is Bermondsey's absurd opening hours: once, the traders wanted to cram as much daylight as possible into their day. Now, the sight of hundreds of exhausted shoppers raking through the piles of Zippo lighters is just one of those quaint historical oddities, like

Beefeaters, or Bruce Forsyth. The serious horse-trading kicks off around 5am: the dealers with shops descend like vultures after a kill, and old tables and job lots of Nazi memorabilia changed hands several times before anyone has even left their lorries. The dawn is rent by cries of "I'm not doing it for less than a pony, mate" and the hacking coughs of men who live perpetually on their nerves. This is where Essex man meets Home Counties Henry: a rich broth of plums, gravel and wads of cash. The objects in question may end up in hushed emporia with stripped wood floors in Stow-on-the-Wold, but this is where they will have started.

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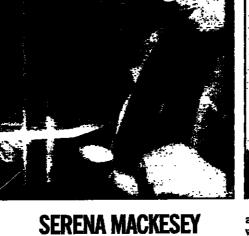


Serious business. Once London Transport has started running, the steady trickle of "real" punters - the people who might just buy that brown melamine cup and saucer for a fiver - turns into a torrent, and the traders have assumed the patience necessary to deal with the public. The crowd is a mixed bag of British, American and Japanese girlies in short skirts. The Europeans come later and buy very little. Last week, the heatwave had hit in earnest and it was already somewhere in the eighties by 6.30am. Traders grinned encouragingly, punters assumed that "you can't kid me" blankness of the person who knows they're going to get ripped off.

The thing is, Bermondsey resembles, at the end of the day, nothing more glamorous than your local church jumble sale. The stalls are planks on trestles; silver sugar tongs hang 100 to a string like wind-chimes; stainless steel cig-arette boxes are stacked like filing cards next to haystacks of silver spoons. Some stalls have made an effort, with black felt and even glass cases, but the effect is still the same. Maybe it's deliberate, to hill the punter into thinking

they're about to get a bargain.

I paused to buy a small ivory elephant. An American woman stood next to me, sorting through scraps of lace and telling the stallholder an incredibly tedious story about how she had hired a car with aircon at Heathrow the previous day. "I said," she was saying, "excuse me, but are we, like, living in the 20th century or what? And Jack, my husband, well he's usually the one who does the talking, but this time there was no stopping me." Stallholder nodded politely. "Yeah," he said, "it is hot, iso't it?" "Thing is," said his next-door neighbour, "we're happy four months of the year and the rest we're freezing." "What d'you mean, happy?" said the neighbour on the other side. "I'm bloody melting here."





In another life This week: antiques dealers

American woman hadn't drawn breath. "So he said to me," she had moved on to a box of assorted beads, "Well, we might just have a car with air conding out on the lot, I'll just look for you,' and I said: 'Oh, thank you, that would be kind...' ""Uh-huh," replied the stallholder, "That'll be £45." Antiques dealing is as much psychiatry as straightforward shopkeeping. To sell, a dealer must make friends with the client: it's part of the bond that turns a secondhand bookcase into an heirloom. This facet of the dealer's art was much in evidence at the private view of the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair on Wednesday. The clientele was very, very different and the accents on the dealers were clipped to the point of bogusness, but that chumminess, that ability to listen with rapt

Photographs by Brian Harris



attention to mundane details of people's lives,

was still plastered all over them. If Bermondsey is a street party, then Grosvenor House is a Royal Garden Party: it even features pieces lent by members of the and went to covet the Cezannes and Bonnards royal family. The hotel in Park Lane has been mounting this hoolie for the wealthy since the 1930s, and it goes from strength to strength. I thought it might be a bit of a PR exercise, an opportunity to schmooze and hand out cards, but I couldn't have been more wrong. "Oh no definitely not," said a lady from Spink & Son, "we generally do very well at this show. Everyone keeps back their best pieces for Grosvenor House."

Spink were showing a pair of Meiji-period Japanese gods, life-sized; rather satyr-like and likely to give nightmares to the average grandchild. The asking price was £250,000. Did they really expect anyone to just pop in and buy them? "It's not entirely unlikely. It could well be an impulse buy. We had these about 15 years ago, actually. An American couple were walking past our showroom one night on holiday and saw them. They came in first thing the next day and had them shipped." Grosvenor House is, in a word, terrifying, and the people who shop there even more so. I've long since got used to the fact that I will never own something like Pieter Bruegel the Younger's The Battle between Carnival and Lent, on sale from Johnny van Haften at £1.5m, but to hear "That's £950,000. \$1.5m" (these dealers can convert to dollars without blinking) of a sideboard and hear "Really? And can you ship it?" in reply is enough to make you extremely nervous.

You can understand why they can put up with the clientele's life stories at that sort of price. And what life stories they were. A woman in a lime jacket and a pink hat fingered an Aubus- ously. "Bollocks," he said.

Bermondsey; (left) a class apart at the Grosvenor House Art and Antiques Fair

son. "It was jolly tragic," she informed the man in the suit, "he had a hunting accident. He hit a tree. But he's made a full mental recovery and how he's a trainer. Upstairs, three youngish women wore their old Ascot suits (tops and bottoms obviously recycled from different years) and eyed Phillip's gold and enamel bracelet emblazoned with the words "ROMA Amor" (the antiques world's equivalent of the I♥NY badge). "I gave up smoking," said one. who bore an uncanny resemblance to a stick insect, "and I put on two stone here" (she pinched her waist), "here -" (the hips got a massage) " - and here" (upon which she slapped her rump).

Standing before the Andrew Edmonds gallery, which was selling subscribers' sets of The Rake's Progress for £4,000 (I almost wavered in my ambition to buy a car), three Armani Men ignored their bejewelled consorts. "Brilliant," said one. "Never been leaner, never been fitter, never been tougher, never been more aggressive. Everything." I shuddered at William Weston. Two tweedy women and a bored-looking teenage girl were locked in conversation. "Well, we opened up for the day, though we kept them out of the bedrooms. We had two-and-a-half thousand people round, but they didn't spend much money," said the first. "Oh, what a shame," her companion tutted sympathetically, "And you must have worked like demons to set it up." "Yes. The place was a complete tip and we can't have made much more than £10,000 in the end."

They talk silly money at Bermondsey as well, of course. Phrases like "£400 the pair" and "£150 each" slip off the traders' tongues with the assurance of those who have successfully shifted brass folding rulers for £60. I didn't do too well on the wedding present front: I guess it'll have to be the list after all. Even in Bermondsey, there are few bargains to be had.

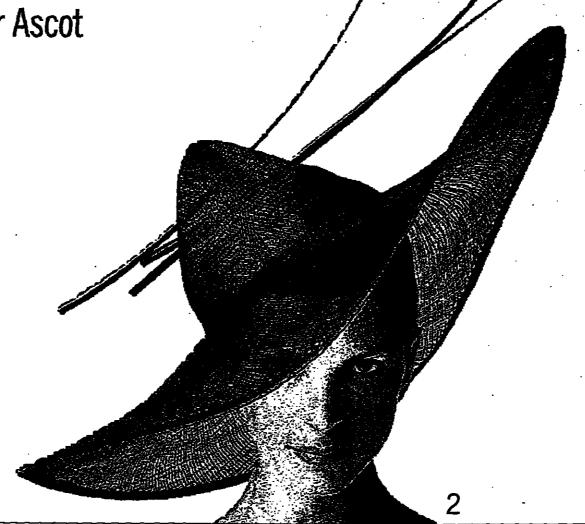
I did pause for a moment, though, over a pair of brooches. They were made of a fox's paw and a pheasant's foot set in silver and amber with little bits of tartan. "How much are these?" I asked. I thought I might buy them to wind up an animal lover. "£70 each," said the man. "What?" "That's real silver." "I'll think about it," I said, which is slang for "you've got to be kidding". I wandered on. Further down, a stray mid-morning dealer filled in the time before Grosvenor House by studying jewellery. He picked up a ring squinted at it. "It's 14 carat, that, guv," said the Essex man behind the stall with breezy confidence. Dealer lowered his eyeglass, raised his chin and gazed at him imperi-

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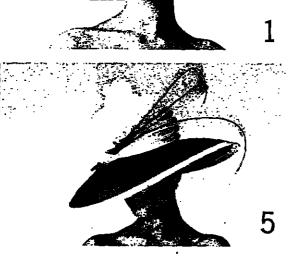
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Over there: the British shopping experience

In France they swoon for our vanilla scent; in Asia they fight for our padded bras. Sally Williams reports on high street names with export appeal



Bon the Continent, but the British sandwich is a big hit. "Parisians love them," says Tracy Nelson, a spokesperson for Marks and Spencer, "which is surprising as France is not big on sandwiches. Neither is Spain, but the sandwich counter in our Madrid branch sells out every day."

Marks and Spencer has 344 shops in 30 countries. It is not the only British retail company to realise the potential of foreign markets. "More and more compaare now looking to expand abroad," says Clive Grant from Corporate Intelligence on Retailing and author of the soon to be published UK Retailers Cross Boarder Activities. Retailing used to be a very domestic affair. In any one city only a few per cent of shops would be owned by foreigners. But, as markets approach capacity - try and name a town which doesn't have a supermarket near it -companies are obliged to look elsewhere for profits. They can either diversify, which is risky,

or go abroad." Share holder pressure, the attracgaps in overseas markets are some the same shops as every city in this other reasons why nearly 100 of the country? "Not necessarily," says get enough of white knickers, flo-

tant with Management Horizons, a

retail consulting firm, the "internanothing new. "It started with international sourcing - companies going overseas to get cheaper shirts, in the late Seventies," he says. "Then, on to the realisation that there was an international consumer taste - everyone likes McDonalds. Now, for retailers in the UK north America and western Europe - where thevast majority of international retailers come from -

it's a process that will continue." Already, Benetton (Italian) has 7.000 outlets in 100 countries. McDonalds (American) has outlets in 120 countries. And the Body Shop (UK) with 1,121 shops in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, North America, South America and the Pacific, means there is scarcely a corner of the globe Marks and Spencer, Laura Ashley where you cannot buy a bottle of Peppermint Foot Lotion.

Does "internationalisation" then mean that Stuttgart will have Keynes - a justifiable conclusion tion of higher profit margins and since Milton Keynes has virtually top 700 retailing companies in this Fine, 'what will happen, is that the ral frocks and British overalls.

Pritish beef may be off the menu country, now have branches abroad. big cities around the world: Milan. According to Mike Fine, consul- London, New York, Los Angeles, will increasingly have some of the same shops, but Paris will not look tionalisation" of the market place is exactly like Chicago or Milan like London - home markets will always dominate.

The markets of the future, says Grant, "are Eastern Europe, Latin America, South Africa, the Pacific rim, and Turkey." Trading abroad, however, is not without its problems. "Investing abroad is risky," says Grant. "Mistakes have been made by people rushing in, not researching the market and making fundamental errors." Dixons, for example, went to the States and bought a company called Stylo. "The US economy turned down. Competition hotted up and they had to pull out," says Grant.

But it is not just the giants of British retailing who have successfully spread their wings. Among and all the other quintessentially British companies that have colonised Paris in recent years, is a little-known corner of Britain: exactly the same shops as Milton . Alexandria Workwear, a company which specialises in uniforms for chefs, dinnerladies and cleaners.

TieRack

329 outlets in 26 countries Vibrant, loud and zany ties sell particularly well in Germany. Lemon ties are very popular in Belgium, French men prefer softer, autumnal colours: plum, deep orange and teal. European men are much more colour co-ordinated than British, choosing ties which actually match jackets or suits. Novelty Disney boxer shorts have universal appeal. The best-seller in Abu Dhabi is ladies' head scarves: a market dictated by religion. Apart from a small market for polyester ties in Canada, silk is the favoured

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344 outlets in 30 countries Hong Kong is one of the largest markets for cashmere wool coats. Asian women also prefer embellished, patterned or embroidered jumpers over plain lambs wool

Loose-fitting denim dresses did not sell well in Spain, Spanish women thought them too frumpy. Likewise, locals complained that the mannequins in the window of the Madrid store needed to wear more gold jewellery. Traditional British tea-time products: scones and cream, crumpets, English tea and bacon

sell well throughout the world, although stores have to carry written instructions for how they should be cooked. Customers have been known to eat bacon, like ham, straight from the packet, not cook their Christmas puddings and eat crumpets raw



1.121 outlets outside the UK. Vanilla is a very popular scent in France. Moisturisers and lip balms sell well in Scandinavia. Asian customers favour non-dry hair type shampoos. Aroma jars and other home fragrance products sell especially well in the USA. Also, Americans prefer flip-top to screw-top bottles. Fake tan is particularly popular in Germany.

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39 outlets in nine countries

Because Asian women are less curvaceous than European, bras have to be custom made for the Asian market. Padded, with adjusted wings and opex to accommodate a smaller cup capacity, the largest size is a 34B. In the UK it is a 36D. Red is a very important colour in Spain, but it has to be iust the right shade: Flamenco Red. Lilac products do not sell at all well in

Scandinavia: it is the colour of mourning. Not one unit of the Copenhagen lilac launch



366 outlets in 29 countries

The American market is very focused on bed linen, with Cornflower Stripes being the most popular. The Acapulco floral print dress sells particularly well in the States. British women, on the other hand, prefer the Acapulco skirt.

231 outlets in seven countries Senior British HMV executives visiting outlets in Japan were horrified to find their slick, state-of-the-art stores covered with hand-written post-it notes: sales assistants were offering their thoughts and criticisms on the music. The executives huffed and puffed about the stores looking like church bazaars. only to discover that in Japan, to give something personal - opinion included - is highly valued. Notes still appear, but are now printed. Most consumers in Europe when they enter the HMV store, walk to the right. Australians, for some unknown reason, walk to the left. Merchandising has to be reorganised accordingly.

Over here: the best of British, with a European flavour

Why drink Calvados when you can buy apple brandy? By Hamish Scott

when the British were notoriously suspicious of all "foreign" food. Attitudes are very different today. Foreign holidays, exotic cook-books and the competitive demands of enter-Nicola French, at Beechfield Farm near Langtaining have transformed the British larder, port, now runs one of England's few surviving replacing fish-paste with sun-dried tomatoes. Unconstrained by national traditions in the kitchen, we plunder other countries for their recipes and raw materials.

British food producers are increasingly responding to this change by offering homegrown alternatives to many European foods. Some examples, such as Welsh mozzarella, are no more than cheap and cheerful copies, but there are also cases in which British versions of European standards are so well-crafted and delicious as to satisfy even the most demanding fornia or even China. Though Mersley Farm still Frenchman. Oysters were a common feature of the British

diet until pollution, over-fishing and disease virtually wiped out native stocks. Most oysters farmed today, both in Britain and in France, are Pacifics, which are hardier and faster growing than the native British variety. An exception to this rule is the Duchy of Cornwall Oyster Farm in Port Navas, near Falmouth, where Len Hodges has, with the help of some judicious "seeding", encouraged the return of natives to the Helford estuary. It is not only customers at Mr Hodges' quayside shop who share his belief that these are superior by far to the farmed Pacifics so popular in Brittany; smart restaurants in France and Spain are creating an insatiable demand for native Cornish oysters.

Edible snails were introduced to Britain by the

There was a time, still embarrassingly recent, Romans although, unlike the French, we have long ceased to regard them with much relish. In parts of the west country, however, they were snail farms. Petit gris, collected in the wild, are fattened up in poly-tunnels on a diet of green salad for sale to restaurants and to locals with a taste for fresh escargots.

An ideal accompaniment to Somerset escargots might be garlic from the Isle of Wight, where Colin Boswell at Mersley Farm produces 100 tons of bulbs each season. The days of British prejudice against garlic are long over, for as a nation we now consume more than 2,000 tons a year, most of it imported from France, Spain, Caliremains the only commercial grower in this country, they already export bulbs to Paris, where they are sold by Marks and Spencer. Indeed the Isle of Wight is so proud of its exotic harvest that a Garlic Festival is held each August, attracting more than 30,000 visitors last year.

English ham is traditionally cooked after a few months of curing, in contrast to continental airdried hams, which are eaten thinly sliced and raw. Richard Woodall, whose family have been producing bacon, ham and sausages in Cumbria since 1828, was Britain's first butcher to experiment with the methods used in Parma and Bayonne. His hams are cured in salt and saltpetre, along with a few herbs and spices, then hung up to mature for at least a year. The longer they are left; the better they become, according to Mr Woodall, whose one regret is that he must watch



his plump and juicy hams slowly shrink to one fifth of their weight during the long drying process. Mr Woodall also make a fine pancetta and he has recently discovered an unexpected market for his dry-cured bacon. The Belgians love to eat it raw.

Air-dried ham is also made by Amanda Streatfield and her husband at Denhay Farm in Dorset. The cure they use is more elaborate than Mr Woodall's, with apple juice and honey added to the brine, and their hams are oak-smoked in the manner of Westphalia. La Grande Epicerie in Paris recently became Denhay Ham's first European outlet.

British cheeses have enjoyed a huge revival over recent years and respectable versions of accompany such food. Penshurst Seyval Blanc or

camembert and brie are now produced in England, particularly in Somerset. For those who like some pungency and tang, however, there are hand-crafted Scottish cheeses that can rival any to be smelt across the channel. Bonchester, made from unpasteurised Jersey milk, ripens to the melting richness of a perfect camembert, whilst Lanark Blue, from ewes' milk, is more than comparable with Roquefort. Rawmilk cheeses are however treated with suspicion in this country. In a recent, protracted battle with health and

When it comes to choosing English wines to

safety regulations it took expert evidence from

French scientists to save Lanark Blue from offi-

cial condemnation.

Somerset apple brandy Photo: John Lawrence

Lamberhurst Fumé would be perfect with the snails or oysters. Matured in old oak casks, either might impress a Frenchman, so long as he was not allowed to see the label. In years when the Sussex climate is sufficiently forgiving. Lamberhurst also make a red wine from a blend of French and Russian vines. As one of England's largest and best-established vineyards, Lamberhurst are now starting to attack the European market through an outlet appropriately sited in the Belgian town of Waterloo.

Whilst the French may favour malt whisky as a digestif, an excellent alternative to Calvados is Somerset apple brandy. Distilled in old French stills and matured in wooden vats, Julian Temperley's Somerset Royal has a fresh clean taste of apples, whilst his Five Year Old is as velvety and subtle as mature cognac. Later on this year he will be launching Britain's first "eau de vie" onto an unsuspecting market. This innocently clear liquid is so potent that a single glass could silence any argument about the quality of British

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Checkout Bjorn Borg, 70 Sloane Ave, London

champ's fan club, but a Swedish-owned son and Ringo Starr rub shoulders with "underwear palace" in London. There's nothing below the belt about this: it's licenced to use Bjorn's legendary name. Deliciously cheesy promotional postcards show Svenska sirens Inga-Britt and Ulle giving nerdy Uffe a good birching. "A sauna gives the Swedes an opportunity to 'pusta ut' (take it easy)," explains a caption.

The shop's stock? Sporty, no-frills 100 per cent cotton undies for guys 'n' gals in black and white or cheeky apple green, sunshine yellow and burnt orange. A smorgasbord of polo shirts, shades, and shoes. Racy zip-front Lycra scuba trunks for the men and snakeskin bikinis for the women. There's not a towelling headband to be seen.

What is It? Not the Seventies tennis Who shops there? Tara Palmer Tompkinrepeat buyers and curious tourists, including Swedes, according to one of the many flaxen-haired staff. Also, men after "UPC" (unlimited package control) - the £20 classic white men's trunks with a lovehandle-taming clastic waistband are the shop's bestseller.

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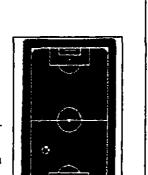
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chirpy shop assistants

f you have ever had parents, you will remember shopping. Or, Imore specifically, the grumbles about the shop assistants. The phrase "In my day, shop assistants were meant to be polite" was repeated with a ritual significance only matched by "Isn't it sad about the elm trees?"

The thing about shop staff is that they used to know their place. And their place was behind the cash till getting on with the important business of telephoning. The phrase "Can I help you?" was purely rhetor-ical. Waiting staff, too, had the art of avoiding diners' eyes down to a tee. It took minutes of training to work in the leisure industries, and they took pride in their skills. Everyone aspired to the practised indifference of the staff at Woolworths.

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land. The Americanisation of retail is spreading apace, and to the British shopper, accustomed to proper service, this is a devel-opment that breaches our comfort zones. The glazed eye, the fixed grin, the enquiries as to one's well being: they bring out an insane desire to say "Actually, I have a screaming hangover and I'd rather you didn't talk to

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and the Chicago Pizza Pic Factory, started undermining the fabric of our society with the phrases "No problem at all", "Is everything okay here?" and Enjoy your meal." Now you can't buy a cup of coffee without being assailed by cheesy familiarity: the otherwise admirable Seattle Coffee Conpany, who deserve love in buckets for bringing the vanilla latte to these shores, obviously sustains its staff on a mixed diet of valium and cocaine. I wouldn't mind, but they're not sharing.

Is there not some middle ground? A world where you can buy things without either being curmudgeoned to death or contracting into lifelong friendship? America's other great export, after all, is serial murder. Thank you for reading and have a nice day.
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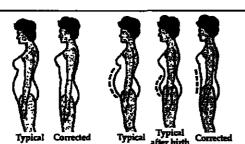
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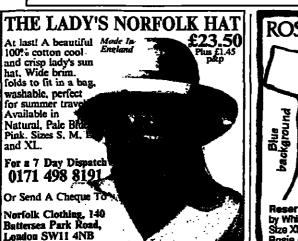
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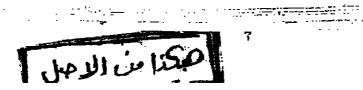
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The fine East Gardens at Hatfield House, Hatfield, Herts will be open during the whole of the Midsummer Festival of Gardening to be held at the house pert

Gardening, to be held at the house next Saturday, 22 June (10am-6pm) and Sunday 23 June (10am-5pm). The gardens, beautifully planted by the Marchioness of

Salisbury, provide an unparalleled setting for the festival, which includes a horticultural display set up in a large marquee. Thirty nurseries will be offering plants for sale and there will also be lectures and gardening demonstrations

throughout the weekend. The main entrance gate to Hatfield lies immediately opposite Hatfield railway station.

Admission to the show, £4.90.

Barrington Court, the National Trust's

Edwardian garden in Somerset, is the first stop in Stephen Lacey's nationwide tour, to celebrate the publication of his recent definitive book, Gardens of the National Trust (National Trust £29,99). Mr Lacey will

answer visitors' questions and will also give a short talk on planting design. The session starts at 10am. Tickets are £8, which includes admission to the garden and house. To book, or for further information, call 01460 241938.



How do you tame a rampant garden?

Brambles are threatening to take over the Sheltons' borders. And then there's the bog...

part nearest the house is mostly lawn (the parish has provided a motor mower); the bottom 66ft is a mixture of bramble, nettle and fruit trees, ideal for children's dens, but also

for trips to casualty.

There is a lot of amphibian life in the garden, mainly due to a section of the lawn - mostly moss - which is normally wet and, after heavy rain, can be ankle deep in water.

Our helpful churchwardens have driven back the borders, but they are still madly overgrown. The diocese (the property owner) is in seemingly endless correspondence with the County Council concerning drainage into a filled-in dyke at the bottom of the garden. Time, money and gardening prowess are sadly limited, but a parish strawberry tea in

Diana Shelton, who lives at the rectory in Waltham, near Grimsby with der on the right-hand side. But the aspect of this part of the garden (you her husband Ian and their three Sheltons are not keen on gardening, can't make a decent den in short grass) young children, Michael, Megan and

Their garden showed every sign of enjoying the rich soil that makes this corner of north-east Lincolnshire such a productive area. Huge bram- have much time for the garden. But she rel and the battered hebes. A small

ur rectory, a lovely well-built bles reared out of the shrub border on 1930s house, has a back garden the right-hand side of the lawn. Even measuring 64ft by 210ft. The huger ones were threatening to take over on the left, where three big hebes had been hard hit by the coldest winter seen in these parts for a long time.

The winter and spring had been relatively dry, but I could see by the clumps of rushes that the ground on the left-hand side wanted to be quagmire more than it wanted to be

Anglian Water had recently been to the rectory to install a new sewer junction behind the garage, but the Sheltons, who had hoped that this might solve the problem of the bog, had been told that it was likely to make things worse. The old, cracked sewer had probably been absorbing some of the surface water and draining it away. The new one wouldn't. The water authority was as puzzled as the Sheltons about where this water was

The letter was signed "from a drowning rector's wife", the wife being Diana Shelton who had been gardened a previous incumbent had left the makings of a good shrub bor-Ian Shelton for spending time hacking year. his brambles rather than christening babies. In between mothering, Diana

anna Pavord



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hated the feeling of "everything being out of control".

Of the two areas that worried Mrs Shelton, the problems of the lefthand border seemed far more press-ing than the back section of the garden. At the back, I suggested she might harden her heart, reach for some brushwood killer (such as SBK) and spray the brambles. They are bullies and need to be treated as such.

With the brambles out of the way, the grass could be allowed to grow long between the fruit trees. The children would perhaps appreciate the wilder and parishioners would hardly thank and the grass could be cut just twice a

In the left-hand border, about 16ft wide, there is little left except rubble Shelton teaches maths, so she does not from an unidentified building, a lau-

JCB seemed to be the right tool to reach for. It could scoop up the rubble, hook out the useless laurel and the dead hebes, grade and smooth over the ground ready for sowing lawn seed in September and scoop out a trench down the length of the border to take a land drain – if Anglian Water or the diocese decide this is what is needed.

Grassing over means more mowing - the most boring job in a garden - and this is not the way a keen gardener would resolve the problem, but the Sheltons have enough on their plates bark is brightest if you take out a third without another shrub border to look of the old stems each year in early Sheltons have enough on their plates after. If they can't get anybody to agree to lay a land drain (they are tenants, so can't make those decisions), then they could plant a couple of willows. These will soak up a great deal of water and if they keep them pollarded, (which means cutting out some of the

main stems at the end of winter each

year), they can stop them getting too

ig for their boots.

I wouldn't choose a weeping willow the branches you want to get rid of, for this position. Its habit means it to find the point where they join the couldn't be pollarded and it would trunk, or a bigger branch. Cut them quickly get too big. I'd go for types such as Salix alba sericea with striking silvery white leaves. Or Salix alba vitellina Britzensis', the scarlet willow with leaves that are pale yellowish grey. It is at its best in winter when the new shoots are bright orange-red, glowing in a Jan-

uary fog rather than a load of not air. remap
On the right-hand shrub border, some kind parishioner will oblige.

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some good plants. The brambles are

intertwined with the shrubs so spray-

ing isn't an option. But they could cut

the brambles back to their growing point and paint SBK on to the new

Some of the plants there, the labur-

num and the purple-leaved cherry,

needed no attention. Others did. The

variegated dogwood Comus alba 'Ele-

gantissima' is grown as much for its

winter bark as its summer leaves. The

There was another hebe in this bor-der that had been knocked back by winter cold. I would tidy it up by cut-ting out all the dead growth now and

also attack the huge laurel that was

overhanging a viburnum. The vibur-num was by far the more important of the two shrubs. The best way to cut

back a laurel is to run your hand down

I got excited about the rejuvena-

tion of the shrub border. Too late, I

noticed a sense of overload descend-

ing on Mrs Shelton, though she was

much too polite to say so. I should

have come with my pruning saw,

rather than a load of hot air. Perhaps

off at the junction.

shoots when they emerge.

WEEKEND WORK

Out back broom when it has finished flowering, shortening flowered shoots to within a couple of inches of the old wood. Dead head lilac and cut back Clematis montana if it is threatening to engulf other shrubs. Take out some of the old wands of growth on Rubus tridel to encourage fresh growth from the base of the shrub. Shear over clumps of aubrieta and arabis to remove dead flower heads. Work over alyssum bushes, cutting out old flower stems.

Watch out for suckers on roses. They always spring from the base of the shrub and the foliage often looks different from that of the parent plant. Pull them off before they get too dominant. Loosely tie in sappy new growths of climbing roses so they do not get beaten about or snapped by wind. Old stockings or tights are ideal for

this kind of job.

Cut back the foliage of early flowering

Iris unguicularis so that sun can warm the rhizomes. Sycamore seedlings are springing up faster than dragons' teeth. Remove them before they get too firm a hold. Prune out all green shoots on variegated shrubs such as ivies and trees such as the variegated sycamore. Green shoots have more vigour than the variegated ones and can quickly take over the entire plant.

Pinch out flower buds from shrubs that you grow mainly for their foliage, such as senecios and coleus. Herbs such as chives also benefit from this sort of treatment. Cut back the fading flower heads of spurges such as Euphorbia polychroma.

Top of the pots

Jim Keeling is a craftsman with a mission. By Caroline Donald

Garden Scheme, the villagers of Whichford in Warwickshire will be opening their gardens to the public. Among those on show will be Jim Keeling's "paradise garden".

The cows had got in the night before

I paid a visit, but luckily little damage was done. The effects of the freezing rain earlier in the year were more marked: "I hate being able to see the ground," said Mr Keeling, as he showed me round a delightful courtyard. Still, we concurred, the solution would be to fill the spaces with strategically placed pots.
This shouldn't be difficult; through

the wall, is Jim Keeling's very own "country pottery", which he claims is the largest in Europe. All the terracotta pots are hand-thrown or moulded: from simple traditional horticultural ware such as long toms, seed pans and plain flower pots, to exuberant urns. Ali Baba jars and a pot so large that you could set up house in it (it costs not much less than a house).

Jim Keeling is not just a man who throws pots, he thinks and cares deeply about them. "Being a craftsman is about the clay first and foremost," he says. "But then it leads you on to all these other things such as the relationship between the external and the internal. Aesthetics is obviously about that as well,"

Mr Keeling sees himself as part of a great tradition, that of the English country potters who each produced millions of flower pots before their trade was all but wiped out in he 1950s by the advent of machine pottery. He served his apprenticeship at one of the last surviving such potteries, A Harris & Sons at Wrecclesham, where throwing 1,200 small pots was considered a normal

day's work. "There's a particular way of working in a traditional country pottery," he says. "You work very fast, are not too



Each of the pots turned out by Whichford is stamped with the date that it was made and the name of the thrower, of which there are about 10. "Tve been in charge of design up to now," says Mr Keeling cheerily. "But it's not quite as straightforward as that because the more skillful the team gets, the more input they have. A pot design may have started out looking one shape but a year later I can't help noticing that it has changed." He chuckles. That is the way it should be."

fussy, and you work as a team."

Such a fluid outlook underlies Whichford's success - the stand is always humming at the Chelsea Flower Show and the pots are exported all over the world. "As long as I have a skilled work-

force," says Mr Keeling, "we can turn out a variety which will put us completely out of reach of mass production. This is the way forward in the crafts but it requires real dedication to training skills and a refusal to compete with machine-made stuff".

He also refuses to make compromises in his designs. There may be Greek, Roman and Renaissance motifs

pots: part among Whichford pots, but these are, he says, integral to English culture. "You must never desert your home market. If you work in the export market, the designs given to you are out-side your culture, and you are taking

the heart out of craftsmanship."

And he is passionate about craftsmanship, past and present: "For every country potter since about 1670, flowerpots were how they earnt their bread and butter. Yet there is not a single entry in the Victoria & Albert Museum catalogue, out of so many hundreds of millions that were made. They've all been smashed up." Perhaps now that the experience and craftsmanship that goes into producing a hand-thrown or pressed terracotta pot is such a rare commodity, it is time for the V&A to make a purchase from Whichford for its collection, as a skill saved for the

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Wild trout in a perfect, miniature world

Dartmoor offers extraordinarily cheap fishing. It is also one of the last parts of south England where the rivers are unstocked. By Andrew Brown

River whispering to itself as it picked almost impossible to find in the

were still asleep. For a couple of hours I worked my way up and down a perfect miniature river, catching Duchy of Cornwall land on the moor nothing but perfect miniature trout. My hotel room key was longer than However, in the very early morning, the whole world seems shrunk to a Lilliputian scale.

The Cherrybrook itself is hardly rivers. larger than a stream. In spring and early summer, it can almost be crossed in Wellington boots, rather than waders. Its deepest pools are little more than waist deep and it is salmony pools, or plunging through often no more than a couple of wards. wide. But it behaves like a proper river. It has rapids, long bubbly shallows full of trailing weed, and deep curves undercutting peat where the little vegetation in them, and so litmonster fish lurk. And there are the fly life for the trout to feed on. monsters: one man caught a threeand-a-half pound wild trout here, something large and intelligent which which would be a matter for congrabbed a dry fly and then set off gratulation even on the Hampshire chalk streams. On the Cherrybrook, the beast that are Jonah.

To gain a sense of remoteness

t six in the morning on Dart-moor the world was held in a cool grey bubble with a black main reasons for fishing. This is river running through the quite unrelated to the size of the middle of it. There were no quarry. It is a function of their wildmiddle of it. There were no quarry. It is a function of their wild-sounds but the Cherrybrook ness. Wild brown trout are now its way across the moor. No cars would be along the road for hours; the only living things in the world were me and the trout.

South-east of England, and are little valued where they are found, compared to fat stocked fish. Dartmoor offers the last remaining accessible ere me and the trout.

Offers the last remaining accessible and affordable fishing for them in

costs £3 a day to fish, or £12 a week. By comparison, fishing on a reservoir some of the fish I caught before breakfast that morning. Later, the river would wake up and produce trout of a more comfortable size. River Test can set you back £300. T here is clearly little demand for naturally grown brown trout in wild

often no more than a couple of yards rapids. It is absurdly photogenic: I have four times been kept off favourite stretches by film crews. But its beautiful reaches have very down the nearest rapid.

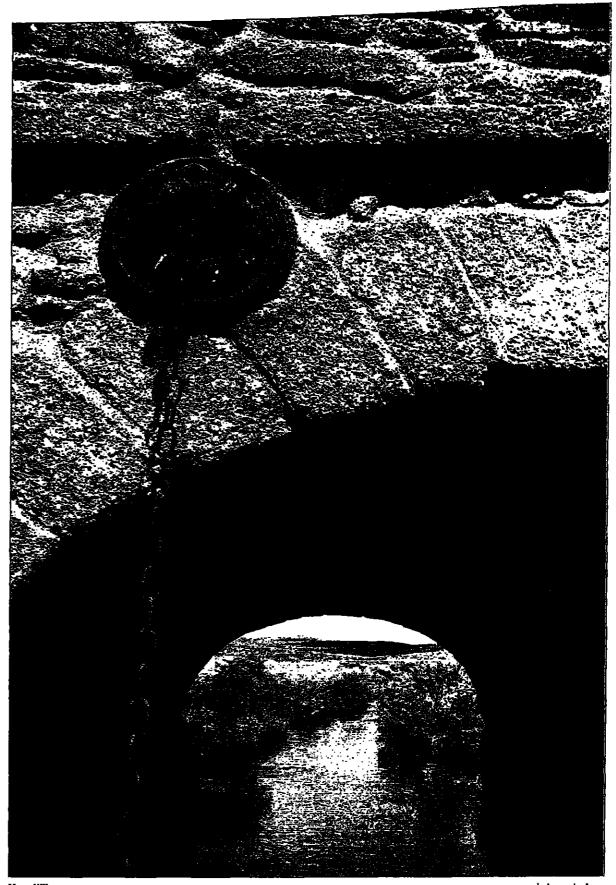
The East Dart is smaller and more intimate than the West branch of the river. It is said to hold the best trout fishing on the moor, but has too many

ing is best conducted without an audience, and with a lot of room for backcasts, since the trout live in symbiosis with the surrounding gorse bushes: the trout get protection and the gorse bushes nourishment from the flies and bits of skin and clothing that fishermen leave in them. The will take almost any small dry fly, but the gorse bushes demand great caution and elaborate equipment to circumvent. Probably the best way to approach them is to wear thigh waders and move up the middle of the river with a long rod. This can look absurdly over-elaborate to walkers who believe you are contending

And then there's the Cherrybrook. For my part, I'll stick to the wild and miniature world here.

> Duchy of Cornwall fishing permits for Dartmoor can be obtained from The Forest Inn at Hexworthy or the Post Office at Postbridge (you also need the statutory NRA fishing

Dartmoor is surrounded by lovely fishing hotels, but these are not ideal if you are fishing the moor they tend to concentrate on the salmon and sea trout fishing nearby. If you want a good central location for Dartmoor wild trout fishing, try the Cherrybrook Hotel, Two Bridge Yelverton, PL20 6SP (01822 880260. This is a converted farmhouse in the middle of the moor, no more than 10 minutes' drive from any of the rivers.



Invasion of the moorland

'Letterboxing', an activity peculiar to Dartmoor, is taking its toll on wildlife. By Mike Prestage

ainstakingly pacing out the distance given in a cryptic clue, letterboxing veteran Pat Clatworthy arrives at a small clump of gorse and starts to search. of treasure hunt had a slow start. Per-To no avail. Even the leading afficiona-

dos of the pastime sometimes fail. For 142 years walkers have searched - that are now hidden all over the 365 square miles of wilderness that makes up the Dartmoor National Park.

The letterboxes are hidden under rocks, in holes in the ground, near landmarks - and occasionally in pubs. They contain a rubber stamp, which enthusiasts collect in a personal book to show they have found them.

moor guide James Perrott in 1854 who gives the chance to visit parts of the moor ouzel have been badly affected, their

placed a bottle at the remote Cranmere that are off the beaten track." Pool and circulated clues as to its whereabouts. Dartmoor's peculiar type rott's "letterbox" remained the only one until around 1932. By 1969 there were 13, and eight years later just 32. Howout the tiny containers - or letterboxes ever, since then the number has mushroomed and there are now 3,500 to 4,000 - nobody is exactly sure - with thousands of enthusiasts hunting for

Pat Clatworthy, who has collected 22,000 of these rubber stamps, loves it. who take part. You can get a nine year old talking happily about boxes he has

Sam Muliigan, a 45-year-old HGV driver from Newton Abbot, says he first became interested in letterboxing he and his wife visited Dartmoor simply to walk their dog. "The attraction is that you get out on your own into some of the most remote areas."

Such popularity, though, is taking its toll. Rather than follow well-laid paths clearly marked by the park authorities, letterboxers prefer to go it alone, using compasses and ordnance survey maps.

The park authorities are objecting. "There is a wide cross section of people The invasion of remote and often environmentally sensitive sites is of increasing concern, especially since birds such Letterboxing was begun by Dart- found with a doctor or solicitor. It also as the golden plover and the ringed

letterboxers. As a result, this summer, devotees of what is becoming a craze face a revised code of conduct.

At the moment, anybody can put a letterbox out and give clues to a few other people as to its whereabouts. A more formal arrangement also exists with a letterboxers' Bible - a catalogue of Dartmoor letterboxes and a list of clues - that is published each year. The national park wants less ad hoc placing of boxes and a more regulated system. The authorities also want to draw up new rules to place a time limit on boxes and to provide guidance on where new boxes should be

The letterboxers, though, are as unhappy as the authorities. At the to have a go, but the number of die-hard

nesting areas disturbed by enthusiastic moment the ultimate sanction of limiting the number of boxes has been held in abeyance, but even so the new rules are only reluctantly being accepted.

Pat Clatworthy, the conduit between the park authorities and letterboxers explains: "We've always had a good relationship with the park authority, but the truth is they don't like the unofficial nature of letterboxing. They like everything to be regulated, but the fact our pastime isn't is a great part of the attraction."

She isn't convinced by the park authority's argument over damage caused by numbers. She maintains that although thousands of people take part, few are on the moor at any given time. Tourists like

enthusiasts is much smaller. Even so, the 100 Club, which issues a badge to those who have amassed a century of boxes, has 11,000 members. The word "club", though, is a mis-

nomer - there is no formal organisation, and no regular meeting area. On the Sunday the clocks change, however, letterboxers traditionally meet at the Prison Officers' Club in Princetown to swop clues and discuss exploits.

The lack of formality lies at the heart of the park authorities' concern. Jeff Haynes, assistant park officer, explains: "We see letterboxing as an appropriate activity within the national park, but we wanted to look at how we could effect rather more control than has been the case in the past."

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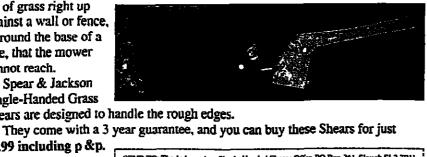
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'I'm not going near them,' said Mr X

o varroa around here, touch wood. The parasite that attacks bees doesn't seem to have made it to our neck of the woods. On the contrary, things are humming, and swarms are whizzing in all directions.

Bee crises always seem to break at awkward moments. Our most recent started at 7.50 one evening, just after I had sat down with a pint of beer. A call came from the village: a swarm had settled in Mr X's garden. "I'm not going near them," he said. "Will you take them away?"

Since the bees were probably my hives during the past couple of them. The snag was that I had no along the lane, belonging to a neighbouring farmer, John.

in the easiest of positions. What lodged on other branches. you need is a clear space beneath



DUFF **HART-DAVIS**

tered, they drop into your skep all

The fascinating thing about a mine, I felt morally obliged to help.

At least two swarms had gone from

The massed bees (maybe 15,000 of them) look as moist and heavy as if days, and this could easily be one of they were coated and stuck together with treacle. In fact they are bonevacant hive in which to house a new dry and light as feathers, and when colony - but luckily I knew of one you twitch the branch, they fall with a slippery rustle.

Standing on top of a stepladder, Leaving my pint half-drunk, I craning awkwardly through the tree, threw some gear into the car and I held my skep beneath the swarm drove down. Mr X, hovering in his as best I could - and shook. About porch, pointed out the swarm in the two thirds of it fell into the box; the top of a plum tree: an oval lump rest landed on a sheet which I had bigger than a rugger ball, but not spread over the grass below, or

Back on the ground, I turned the the swarm, so that when you give skep upside-down, with the bottom a sudden twitch to the branch open, and propped up so that strag-round which the bees have clusgiers could rejoin the main tribe. Inward migration confirmed that I laid a sheet of plywood at an angle, the queen was inside, but it took nearly an hour for all to be gathered in. Then at last I was able to close the skep and drive off.

Three minutes later, with dusk falling, I pulled up outside John's house and scrambled up a steep bank to make sure his empty hive was serviceable. Curses! It was empty no more. A swarm had found it and taken up residence during that afternoon. There on the flightboard was a heap of old wax chippings - proof that the new arrivals were busy spring-cleaning.

Now what? Back home, a rapid rout-about in the garden shed yielded up the rudiments of another hive: brood-chamber, or bottom unit, some combs, a crown-board, a galvanised lid. Hastily improvising, I assembled these in a corner of the orchard - only to realise that I had no base-board, an essential component.

By then it was 9.50, and almost dark. The swarm was still fizzing in the back of the car. I sped to the workshop, found a piece of blockboard two feet square, and quickly carpentered up a rim of half-inch beading round three sides of it, so that the brood-chamber could sit on the rim, leaving the fourth side open as the bees' entrance.

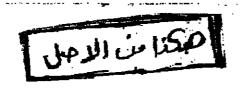
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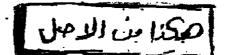
so that it sloped up to the doorway, and at last there came the critical moment of dumping the swarm at its new front door. (There is always a chance that the bees will take against the structure and push off somewhere else.)

One shake of the skep, and out they tumbled in a tawny flood that spread right across the four-foot board. After only a moment's hesitation, the leading scouts began scurrying in through the entrance, and by some form of communication indetectible to a human they

drew the whole swarm after them. Somewhere among them was the queen, and I knew that she was being escorted by her closest retainers, which would be all round her - ahead, behind, above and below - in a solid phalanx, keeping her warm and bearing her bodily forward. But by then it was so dark that, even with my face only three or four inches above the marching troops. I could not make

At 10pm I at last returned to my beer - and never has the second half of a pint gone down better. Soon I lowered another, secure in the knowledge that even if further swarms broke out to torment us, they could not do so before the







Bent old men in Connemara pubs will chill the blood with tales of the Junior Cert Maths paper

Chication is an admirable thing," cisely the same time and no sane citizen could possibly remain in ignorance of time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught." I was reminded of the line by a week spent in Ireland, where it on the state of Irish youth's nerves and is currently the exam season, an agony broadsheet papers include a daily page that is rather less domestic or ignorable of analysis and comment on the Junior in that country than in this one. Here only participants, their immediate relafeeling that a really tough maths paper tives and disc jockeys anxious to cosy up to their audiences could be expected to foreign exchange crisis. share the sense of imminent ordeal. In share the sense of imminent ordeal. In any case, the sense of communal suffering is dissipated by the existence of so many different examination boards. As a result, it's quite easy to spend the sense. a result, it's quite easy to spend the summer completely oblivious to the huddled masses waiting to be processed for emigration from childhood, hoping that their visas will pass scrutiny.

In Ireland, on the other hand, every eligible pupil from Malin Head to have been barking for Kinsella for

well to remember from time to what is taking place. It's as if the whole might easily plunge the country into a

does of relief swept the country as the magic letters 'Kinsella' featured," says Mr Pat Hunt, a teacher from County Wicklow, welcoming the appearance of a heavily backed poet in Paper 2 of the English exam. "The dogs in the street THOMAS SUTCLIFFE



demonstration of hyperbole, "and had he not featured, coronary-care units would have been working overtime."

It's understandable, perhaps, that teachers should get a bit wound-up - this is an audit on their own expertise, too - but the febrile mood transmits itself to journalists Skibbereen sits the same papers at premonths," he continues in a practical as well. "Yesterday's Junior Cert higher-

level maths paper was the stuff of which and Japan, there are similar media exerlegends are made," writes Anne Byrne in the Irish Times's special section. "The second paper is traditionally regarded as the more difficult and this year the prophets of doom appeared to have been fully justified in their foreboding." Legends indeed. In 60 years' time, bent old men in Commemara pubs will tug on their stout and chill the blood with tales of the Junior Cert Maths paper of '96; pass by a deserted school at the wrong time of night and they say you can still hear the eerie howls of anguished children.

At second glimpse, this all begins to look distinctly enviable – the luxury of living in a small country, where common experience might actually count for something. What can the English share now, but the stinging pleasure of being humil-iated by the Swiss at football? And that education should be the object of a gossipy national obsession only increases the sense of wistful admiration. In Taiwan

cises in examination post-mortems, journalists in the latter country going so far as to analyse what the correct answer to every question should have been (an enterprise that seems likely only to lead to an increase in teenage suicides). Ireland's exam fever appears to place it in a club we might like to join.

But, while a third glimpse doesn't entirely undermine the sense of envy, it does raise some questions about what exactly an education is for. One headline after the opening day of exams read approvingly 'First papers have a com-forting air of familiarity'. This was a relief to students and teachers alike, it seemed, but the mood of contentment didn't last. Along came the legendary Junior Certs Maths, Sister Marie McNamara from County Tipperary was unequivocal: "It was a test of how to face a very difficult challenge, and I don't think that is fair." The day before, the

saying that it "contained no surprises". This wasn't an unusual sentiment incidentally - to put it crudely, much of the analysis seemed concerned less with the ingenuity or interest of the papers than with the degree to which they permitted, even coaxed, students to regurgitate the knowledge with which they had been fed. The effect was of a benign Gradgrindery education reduced to the possession and ready production of curricular information, rather then the creation of a habit of mind.

Life, of course, is rarely so biddable as to exclude surprises or difficult challenges. Life's vocabulary includes no word for "fair". I doubt if there's much wrong with Ireland's exam system (it's educational record is, after all, rather better than ours), but you do wonder what lessons children might be learning from the indignation and relief with which their elders dissect its workings.

Don't talk to me about the Sixties

Courted by Dylan and Dali, Françoise Hardy was the essence of Sixties chic until she retreated from fame. Now she is courted by Damon from Blur and, after eight years' silence, has a new album. Philip Sweeney meets a French national treasure

itting in her garden, minimally made-up and slender in jeans and a tailored jacket, Françoise Hardy looks less like chic university lecturer, or possibly a society psychotherapist - or, indeed, an astrologer, which she has been for years (she has a daily radio programme on the subject). Behind us, through the plant-filled conservatory, Hardy's living-room would prove a tricky one for Lloyd Grossman peeping through the keyhole: black walls and leather furniture; evidence of serious interest in alcohol and tobacco (four decanters of cognac, hip flasks, pipe and ashtrays on the table); well-stocked bookshelves – Françoise Sagan, Isabel Allende, PD James, Raymond Queneau, Woody Allen, the philosopher Emmanuel Berl (on record as remarking philosophically that even an old dressing-gown on Hardy would look like Chanel); but no evidence of musical activity.

We're talking about the Sixties, when Hardy acquired the soubriquet L'endive du twist (the spindly French chicory, not the squat Sainsbury's salad variety) and was sought after by everyone from Bob Dylan, who allegedly insisted she visit him at the Olympia concert hall or he wouldn't play the second half, to Salvador Dali, with whom she ate ortolans for the first and only time.

Hardy would rather talk about her new record, and her songwriting, a body of work spanning three and a half decades and published by her own company Kundalini, but she's resigned to the Sixties. "Everybody wants to ask me about the Sixties - even my record company, when they do a biography, they speak of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, who I had almost nothing to do with, or Courrèges or Paco Rabanne, as if it's constantly necessary to bring more names to make me more interesting. The latest addition is Damon Albarn of Blur, whose enthusiasm for Hardy - he persuaded her to sing on Blur's "To The End" - is part of the undertow of cult interest that has just led Virgin Records to prise her out of an eight-year

recording silence. Hardy is being rediscovered as a national treasure, an icon of the pop age. Personally, I'll always associate Françoise Hardy with a coffee bar in Torquay to which I escaped during a family holiday from time to time to indulge in furtive experiments with Players cigarettes and to fritter shillings on the juke-box, with its prominently displayed sleeve of the Hardy debut EP, Tous Les Garçons et Les Filles, then on its way to sales of two million copies. This was in 1962, when female pop stars still meant cocktail-gowned crooners like Connie Francis, Shirley Bassey or Brenda Lee, with a leavening of early Tamla, and the Hardy package devastated my Adrian Mole-like sensibilities. There was the song, with its clear plaintive melody and its sad romantic lyrics ("mais moi, je vais seule, par la rue la Montaigne..."); the voice, so simple, so intimate, so sophisticated somehow; and the image - Parisian, jolie-laide, with that long straight hair, that full mouth, those frank, soulful eyes. And this was three years before the advent of the mini skirt that Hardy adopted with such demure aplomb. She was never overthy sexy - a French friend recalls his parents, driven to apoplexy by Brigitte Bardot, whom they regarded as a national scandal, always liked Françoise Hardy for her apparent diffidence and modesty. This was not a pose, apparently. In 1968, Hardy abandoned live performance after six years. feeling that her voice and stage manner were not up to it, and she became notably reclusive, so worrying did she find the prospect of being stared at in cafés.

vinced from childhood that she was gawky and wasn't. She was the opposite of me - short legs and a big ass..." The American slang sounds

incongruous in Hardy's punctilious mouth. Hardy was born in 1944 to an absentee father from Normandy and a Parisian mother, who



bracketed the post-war rise of Saint Germain des Près, where the traditional music-hall chanson of Piaf, Trenet et al diversified into a plethora of jazz and chanson clubs and a new generation of stars appeared: Brassens, Brel, Montand, Ferre, Juliette Greco, the Muse of Saint Germain and lover of Miles Davis, Barbara, "la chanteuse de minuit", Serge Gainsbourg, the link between the Saint Germain set and the rock generation that succeeded it.

Hardy's early stamping-ground was not the Left Bank, but a quarter of the Ninth Arrondissement known as La Trinité, between the great department stores of the Boulevard Haussmann, the Trinité church and Pigalle, with its own claim to chanson fame. Around the corner from the Hardy flat, in the Rue Chaptal, was the parental apartment of Lucien Ginzburg, as Serge Gainsbourg was then known. Elsewhere in the quartier lived Jean-Philippe Smet (aka Johnny Halliday) and Claude Moine (Eddy Mitchell of the Chaussettes Noires), both of whom Hardy remembers leading neighbourhood bands of admiring proto-rockers. Another Trinité contemporary was Jacques Dutronc, an idiosyncratic and talented actor and singer whom Hardy subsequently married and whose taste for large cigars and fine alcohol presumably explains some of the contents of the black room.

Hardy's teenage experiments with song were encouraged by her family. Her father made a rare appearance to buy her a guitar when she passed her baccalaureate, and her mother put her forward for an audition with the record

She was also bemused for years by the idea company Vogue, putting paid to a week's that she might be attractive, having been con-involvement in tertiary education at the Ecole adignitary of French pop than a rather chic university lecturer, or possibly a society psychotherapit — or, indeed, an ing, but all my life my granted from chick provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she sang a Presley society psychotherapit — or, indeed, an ing, but all my life my granted of the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she sang a Presley society psychotherapit — or, indeed, an ing, but all my life my granted for the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she sang a Presley society psychotherapit — or, indeed, an indeed, and indeed that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she say the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she say the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and she say the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all Anglo-Saxon ("The Shadows' 'Apache' bowled us all over") and the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Politiques. Her early models were all the provided that she was gawky and des Sciences Pol her arrangements, like all of the yé-yé generation's, borrowed heavily from American pop, Hardy's voice and style owed more to the Saint Germain chanson line; not so much that of the theatrical Juliette Greco, but an alternative brought her up with difficulty on the proceeds strand of young singers with guitars, no make-of a job as an accounts clerk. Her childhood up, understated little voices and poetic lyrics now-forgotten artists like Anne Silvestre, Nicole Louvier and Marie-Jose Neuville, "la collégienne de la chanson". And while stars like Johnny Halliday rushed to embrace every new trend from America with slavish abandon, Hardy actually decreased her early dependency, dispensing with a little Buddy Holly-like hiccup mannerism she had acquired, shunning the path towards universal Whitney Houston-isation

> As she matured, Hardy not only honed her own personal, mildly despairing songwriting, but chose with discrimination and alacrity some of the best works on offer from leading professionals.

later trod by artists like Céline Dion.

Not surprisingly, she was sought out by Serge Gainsbourg, the most influential and creative French songwriter of the generation, whose taste in female voices was more or less defined by Hardy's (he wrote for her her great hit 'Comment Te Dire Adieu"). "Serge adored Françoise. He never wanted to write for theatrical singers like Piaf," said Jane Birkin, Gainsbourg's long-time companion and muse, whose own voice Gainsbourg tutored minutely in the direction of Hardyesque simplicity, and who remembers that Tous les Garçons et les Filles was the first record she ever bought.

Typically, the idea that she might be influential gets short shrift from Hardy, and the mention of one Hélène, a young TV singer whose transparent Hardy pastiche has become very popular lately, evokes only a flurry of picturesque epithets like benêtte, munuche, and gnongnon, all of which mean generally idiotic.

In spite of her arm's length attitude to show business, Hardy has been a magnet for trend-setters. The sleeve of her 1968 Comment Te Dire Adieu album bears a striking charcoal portrait of Hardy by Jean-Paul Goude, who went on to artdirect Grace Jones, the French Revolution Bicentenary parade and a thousand expensive TV commercials. A couple of years ago, Malcolm McLaren (whom Hardy had never heard of) persuaded her to sing with Catherine Deneuve on a cliché-ridden musical tribute to Paris, which Hardy defends vigorously. "No, really, it's an excellent record, you should persist...

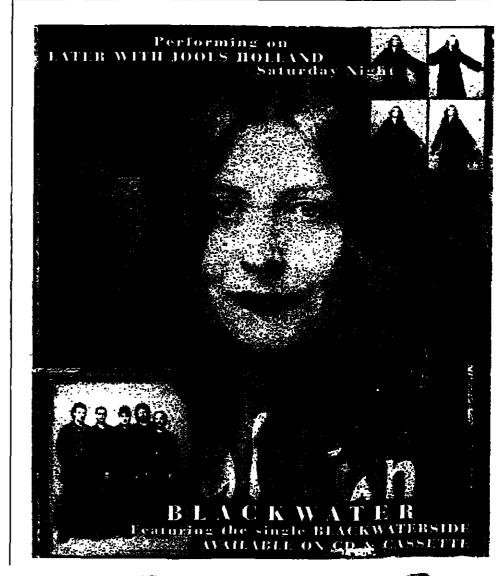
What is fascinating about Hardy is clearly the entire package, like her fellow cult figure Gainsbourg. This includes her chic, her reclusiveness, her originality and her frankness (the occasional extreme political view which emerges as a result of the latter is in itself refreshing). It also includes her sadness and her vulnerability, which suffuse the heavy electric guitar mixes of the new album, but which Hardy says are largely restricted to her artistic life. "It's not

so easy to write songs about happiness." "The artists I prefer are those who have their own unmistakable universe," she says. "But it's so rare to achieve that. Most people don't really know me artistically. The proof is always having to talk about the Sixties and the Beatles." True up to a point. But there are a surprisingly large number of people out there who appear to like what they do know of la Hardy.

'Le Danger' is out now on Virgin Records



'It's funny, sometimes I look back at old pictures and see I was quite good-looking' - Françoise Hardy as she was (above) and (inset) as she is today — chic, sad, vulnerable, frank and original in equal measure



COMEDY

Bob Downe, Cochrane Theatre Any US comic who can make his entry to "Yankee Go Home" is OK by James Rampton

t sometimes seems that Americans are taking over the British comedy circuit in the same way that they're taking over British privatised utilities. That wouldn't much matter if they were all as good as Rich Hall. Twinkling under beetling brows and bushy eyebrows. Hall is a refreshing change from our home-grown stand-ups who search for that mythical common ground with references to Thunderbirds and Chopper bikes. Any American who comes on to a London stage to the sound of "Yankee Go Home" obviously has a keen sense of self-mockery. "What kind of desperate loser would come to a show on a night like this?" he asked, as he immediately felt the heat and slung his leather jacket in a heap on the stage. " wouldn't have come to see me on a night like this."

Hall's knack is to come at you from so far out of the left-field that he's almost off the pitch. Early on in his show at the Cochrane on Thursday, he decided to sing a romantic song for a couple in the front row out on their first date. So, naturally enough, he whipped out a copy of Loot and started singing what he claimed were random lines from it to the accompaniment of an electric organ: "Ford Escort. 376,000 miles. As new. Needs windscreen ... 30 metres of Number 4 grit sandpaper. No timewasters, please ... Sing along if you know the words." Not the sort of routine you'd expect from a "why are relationships so difficult?" raconteur.

Prowling the stage in a blue T-shirt and shabby jeans and taking sips from a can of Irn-Bru, Hall has mastered the art of the inconsequential. "You know what I'm saying?" he wondered at one point. "Good, because I've no idea." Like his Wild West forebears, however, he is very quick on the draw when he has to be. Discovering that a member of the audience was from East Grinstead, he immediately launched into a contemplation of one of life's great mysteries. "There is no Grinstead, is there? Don't you ever wake up in the morning and think. Where is Grinstead?"

And if all else fails, Hall, a writer on Late Night with David Letterman. has a handy stockpile of good, old-fashioned gags to draw on. (He told the millionth of his career on Thursday and by way of celebration proceeded to devour a slice of cake with a candle in it.) "Do you know how many Vietnam veterans it takes to screw in a lightbulb?" he asked quietly, before breaking into a manic shout. "You don't, 'cause you weren't there, man." A healthy reminder to all those Brits who believe Americans are born with an irony bypass.

> 8pm, tonight Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, London, WC1. Booking: 0171-242 7040

THEATRE Jude the Obscure, Lyric Hammersmith, London

Mike Alfreds strips bare Hardy's tale of marital woe and thwarted ambition and risks farcical overload in the pursuit of tragic simplicity. By Paul Taylor



n terms of general tone and comportment, Jude the Obscure and Private Lives have about as much in common as Blithe Spirit and One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. What, then, is direc-

tor Mike Alfreds up to putting his dramatisation of Hardy's grim novel in rep with Coward's flighty comedy?

Watching Alfred's stark, stripped-down evocation of *Jude*, you realise that there's a method in the madness of Madness and Method, the company that has brought these works together. Like Coward's Elyot and Amanda, Jude, the stone-mason who drams of studying at Oxford and the emancinated compulsively. dreams of studying at Oxford, and the emancipated, compulsively contradictory Sne Bridehead have a deep, volatile affinity for each other that their marriage to quite unsuitable partners complicates and confirms. But whereas Coward's theatrical egotists can defy convention with arrogant impunity in the age of the gay divorcee, Jude and Sue are brought low by Victorian bigotry in a book that questions the marriage tie from a number of angles.

These similarities and differences hit you because of Alfreds's

spare, diagrammatic staging of *Jude*, the whole novel brought to life by the same four actors who will next week appear in *Private* Lives. One intractable problem the adaptor faces is that, compared to the satisfyingly economic and stylised symmetries of the partner swaps in the Coward, the chronic vacillating in the Hardy, which seems realistic enough on the page, veers towards wearisome farce on the stage because of the necessary plot accelera-tions. Then again, despite the involving intensities of the Mabler music that underscores moments here, a performance style whereby the actors slip out of their main characters to narrate,

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offer authorial pronouncements, or to enact minor figures, keeps you, in my view, at a slight distance from the turmoil.

There are certain features that the staging throws into splendid relief. The high wooden Gothic window frames that get whirled around sharply emphasise Jude's outsider status in the Christminster (Oxford) he has romanticised, while the fact that, at critical junctures, Sue is so often stationed behind a window brings out how the needs the sefert of a harrier battures them. brings out how she needs the safety of a barrier between them before she can be passionate with Jude. I wasn't sure about the decidedly queasy-looking puppet who represents both the hero as a boy and Jude's son, Little Father Time, since the two have quite different modes of fictional existence. But the uncluttered look of the piece allows for stage pictures of keen lucidity, as when the bed on which Jude is dying is juxtaposed to the bed on which the neurotically repentant Sue has sacrificed herself

to married propriety.

The performances of Geraldine Alexander, Martin Marquez, Abigail Thaw and Simon Robson are commentaries on, as much as embodiments of, the characters but expertly convey the britanian distribution first tionsness of Sue, the writhing humiltle, frigid, calculating flirtatiousness of Sue, the writhing humiliation and anguished perseverance of Jude, Arabella's ripe animal cunning and the depressed desiccation of Phillotson. It will be fascinating to see how this quartet fare in the rather more glamorous world of *Private Lives* and in *Flesh and Blood*, the new Philip Osment play that will complete the repertoire.

Booking: 0181-741 2311. To 27 July

PHOTOGRAPHY

Offside! Manchester

Jane Richards realises that a football video doesn't have to mean Cup highlights

Mark Wallinger's fastidiously constructed blue and black tracings of football photographs from newspaper sports pages must have a compelling appeal for the avid fan – to see Eric Cantona sketched in mid-tackle must offer endless opportunities for tactical analysis. But what do such drawings have to say for the rest of us? This kind of line-drawing confirms my worst fear – that football is second only to trainsporting in its tediousness. But, for that reason alone, Offside! Contemporary artists and football, an exhibition commissioned by the Institute of International Visual Arts for Manchester City Art

tion commissioned by the Institute of Interna-tional Visual Arts for Manchester City Art Gallery, is curiously compelling. The artists—from Britain. Argentina, Columbia and Mexico— explore the visual and didactic messages trans-mitted by the football experience as it goes into orbit for Euro 96. Even if it's an experience you'd rather not be part of, it's still an education. Glaswegian artist Roderick Buchanan suggests that the football fan has the ability to feel at home in any European city because a football pitch is

in any European city because a football pitch is the same the world over. Buchanan's message is the same the world over. Buchanan's message is conveyed by standing slap-bang in the middle of four empty pitches and slowly revolving his camera around the regimented ground. On four TV monitors are pitches in Manchester, Nantes, Glasgow and Budapest, but you have to stand there for some time to see the difference. for some time to spot the difference.

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Nick Waplington's four large-scale colour team portraits are tacky blow-ups of collectable sticker cards framed in high street-style gold frames. The series is titled Best of British, but it's an ironic title – the portraits are of foreign nationals in British teams (Rösler, Klinsmann, Cantona and Ginola).

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There's something about the line-up iconography of uniformed footballers, with their set expressions and their hands held rigidly behind expressions and their nanos held rigidly itentite their backs. Footballing pin-ups are not like film star pin-ups - more an identity parade. This is the rough end of glamour, something that Freddy Contreras exploits in his rows of glaming red high-heeled Vivienne Wester shoes fitted with aluminium football studs. You can almost consult the street on the changing more walls

smell the sweat on the changing-room walls.

Crispen Jones's lovingly simplistic large-scale photograph of a battered football given by Captain W P Nevill to one of his platoons at the But-tle of the Somme stands out. Nevill offered a prize to the first platoon to kick its ball up to the German trenches during the first wave of the assault near Montaubon. It's simply a beautiful image with a delicious tale of European rivalry to match.

Offiside!, Manchester City Art Galleries to I September

TV REVIEW Scotland v England (C4). The programme that sweated blood to get two countries to talk to each other on the eve of conflict. By Jasper Rees

zled gatecrashers. Channel 4 gave us (England v Scotland, shurely?)
Scotland v England, the pub debate.

A noisy, testosterone-fuelled When the channel's high-minded in triumphalist jockularity, an excuse for founders came up with the idea of a sta-cheerfully ironic jingoism, this had Stu-entered flanked by stirring bagpipers. tion that would cater for those whose voices are not usually heard on television.

Cosgrove is the controller of arts and dancers. Morris dancers never fail to crop it might not have been foreseen that Frientertainment at Channel 4, but he also up when someone is trying to make a day night on Channel 4 would eventually moonlights as a professional Scotsman. point about the meagreness, the tamemetamorphose into pissed night. Scotland He once, for his sins, wrote an enterness, of England's folk iconography.

Today brings the most emotionally v England, broadcast the night before the taining book about Scottish football's fraught football match played on our game, required its viewers to be so saints and sinners – the Presbyterian tee-island for 30 years etc etc. To celebrate befogged with booze that they wouldn't totallers and alcoholic ne'er-do-wells Morgan. Though referee, in the spirit of when dressed in a kilt is somehow manly. Beast of Bodmin. Hancock omitted to national side. You could tell the dice were the Scottish cause. In fact most of the a hollow boast. loaded against the home team when Gor- sharper barbs went to Hancock. Even

though he didn't write his script, Hancock encounter on the subs' bench (in the real has a wry personal line in sarkiness that contest it won't even get as near the pitch makes words put into his mouth sound as that). There was copious use of the land midfield (mentioning no names). like his own. He enjoyed the idea that the words "shit" and "crap", usually a good three-foot high Hadrian's Wall kept the sign that the rhetoric is not in the over the opposition in a rigged contest. Scots at bay for hundreds of years, and Ciceronian class. In the mythical beast A channel with a remit to cater for

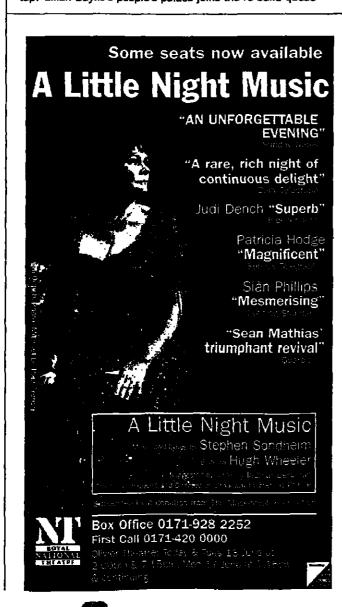
the event, and butt in on Euro 96 like soz- notice that it had got its own title wrong who have somehow rubbed along in the Celtic fraternity he flagrantly supported "We've got no pants" has always seemed make the obvious rejoinder that while Nessie is probably fictional, the Cornish cat is probably real, and therefore altogether more awesome. If only we could say the same for the animal in the Eng-

> Needless to say, Scotland walked all that Robert the Bruce took tips on bat- section. Kennedy claimed that while minorities could allow no other result.

Next week on the arts pages

MONDAY Meet Celeste Dandeker – a choreographic case of anything they can do, CandoCo Dance Co can do too TUESDAY That Neil Morrissey, he's a [expletive deleted] lad WEDNESDAY The heat and beat of Bahia's candomble cult come to town, courtesy of the Bando de Teatro Olodum, Paul Simon's favourite boys from Brazil THURSDAY Stanley Kubrick - dude or rube?

FRIDAY Who needs a well when you can have lottery cash on tap? Lilian Baylis's people's palace joins the re-build queue





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Manchester City Art Galleries present. photos, drawings, scarves, flags, videos, films, stickers, translated chants and other sports culture debris for those filling their Euro 96 quota

THE EXHIBITION

OFFSIDE

Verd's powerful meditation on private passions and political expediency staged in French, by Luc Bondy, song by Karita Mattile, and this months stenor to watch, Roberto Alagna.

About to be married (maybe) Winona Ryder listens to, and learns from, a quitting circle.
Directed, written, produced and mostly. starring women: Bancroft, Burstyn, Kate Nelfigan et al.

THE FILM

AMERICAN QUILT

critical view

*Coriously compelling thought laine Richards (above); You tae almost smell the sweat on the changing room walls... *The Goardian wondered if these exhibitions are for people who know about art, or people who know about football art, or people who know about football or both?" The relegraph, however, liked Football Revers collection of games and puzzles. "Visually inspiring" but otherwise found this exhibition of two balves. "Jostively waters the works on show are often significant."

Edward Sectarson found Alagna "not in the best of works." praised Matilia's "giorious sound" but rust the production's slow burnsound the rue the productions slow burn"a sale, sound, but hardly sweeping
proposition." The Guardian begged to differ.

This cutstanding Don Carlos is all aboutsuperlative teamwork. The Times was
grandly inimpressed. "I thought Bundy's
dreamly designed production, amateurish to
an amade-plable degree. We are used to
before there." Ryan Gilbey wasn't expecting much but had a good time. "The movie feels snappy and also substantial... in a genre where love is blind and unconditional, the uncertain anding has a faintly subversive scent."
"Worked out with sympathy but surprisingly little dramatic force" carped The Guardian, echoed to the rafters by The Times: "Beautifully stitched but short on significance... where the film triumphs is in its casting."

on view

Offside at Machester City Art Galleries (0161 236 5244) till I Sept. Football Tever at Manchester Central Library (0161,234,1900) till 27 June

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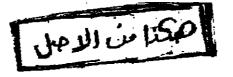
our view

A load of new balls. Unlikely: to excite non-tans to tever pitch, though affendance will make for smart dinner table

The original French adds slamour as does Alagna, but a decidely mixed start to the Royal Opera's second Verdi

Sentimental but agreeable addition to the women's picture boom. Check out the powerhouse performances.





The rise of the blue-eyed outlaw

Jay McInerney, once the hip Big Apple brat-packer, now has his sights on bigger themes. By John Walsh

The Last of the Savages by Jay McInemey Bloomsbury, £15,99

round the turn of the Nineties, you could round the turn of the Nineties, you could have been forgiven for assuming that the writers of New York's "Brat Pack" had decided to deal only in a single plot: an inverted morality tale, in which a group of rich, callow and high-fashion Manhattan sophisticates chat idly together while some scene of corruption, cruelty or murder is perpetrated in their midst and they barely notice. The characters could be woung and rembed (I see Than Zero) or clever be young and zomboid (Less Than Zero) or clever and studenty (The Secret History), employed and wasted (Bright Lights, Big City), unemployed and wasted (Story of My Life), rich and successful (American Psycho) or classy but brainless (A Cannibal in Manhattan) – but they all seemed to par-

take of the same sterile zeitgeist.

Jay McInerney was notable among them for his spot-on mimicry of New York party conversation. Valley-girl vapidity and cokesnorter's etiquette; but when Brightness Falls, his last novel, began with a post-Yuppie Manhattan dinner party interrupted by the arrival of a street lowlife, you began to wonder: is there anything else these guys can write about?

I'm happy to report that Mcinerney's new novel offers a far more ambitious arena for his narrative skills – nothing less than three decades of Stateside history, in which the changing image of America is embodied in the existential shape-shifting of the main characters.

The narrator, Patrick Keane, is an Irish-Catholic middle-class Eng Lit fan from a New England mining town whose high-school roommate is Will Savage, the cool, bearded, blues-loving scion of a Memphis dynasty of right-wing Southern entrepreneurs. From the start we know we are meant to admire Savage - with his extemporised lectures on the musical roots of slavery, his wad of racketeering money, his way with girls - as Keane becomes (slightly implausibly) his best friend. We know because the book starts with four instances of people asking about him. thus landing him squarely in the realm of mythology. And there are his eyes, variously described as "a brilliant supernatural blue, as startling as the sudden flash of the light on top of a police car", then as "bright blue verging to violet, like an acetylene flame", then as "raptorish".

As Patrick gets more preppie (he makes the lacrosse team, he befriends the "elitist jocks"), Savage gets wilder, gradually acquiring the trappingsof every countercultural snob you ever encountered in the early Seventies: hash, acid, beat poetry, Hermann Hesse, gurus, mantras, CIA conspiracies, you name it. Patrick visits the family homestead, enduring Will's excruciating backchat with the Mammy-like servants and checking out the raw blues talent in dingy local beer parlours. He also encounters Will's manipulative and bigoted daddy, Cordell, and falls for a sexy sophomore called Lollie Baker, who is destined to reappear at key points in the story Thurman. Will falls in love with a black girl, Patrick gets blooded on a duck shoot, and between the southern-Gothic hedonism of Memphis and Sixties college life in New England, McInerney pretty well covers the waterfront for baby-boomer nostalgies.

But where is this story bound? Everywhere you look, there are identities being shed and acquired, oppositions aching to be synthesized: the prep-



McInerney: a spot-on mimic slides into predictability

wants to be black, the Southern patriarch who co-opts the Yankee intruder, the pressure of history on the impulses of the present, the homo-sexual panic of the American het, the freedom generation heading for Vietnam... McInerney slides the counters around with skill and there's a frisson of excitement halfway through the book as you sense a cataclysm drawing close. Will Patrick break free of the law-school rut he seems em type and join the Klan? Will they go to war?

The quality of his prose keeps sliding and changing too. Sometimes you reel with dismay at the stodgy cod-Mandarin of the narration: "I couldn't even imagine a girl yielding to me, except under the influence. Never mind that she was dating my friend's older brother, I was able to conjure away such minor logistical problems. But sobriety seemed insurmountable." But at pie who wants to be a hippie, the white boy who other times, McInerney is back on his best Bright

Lights form, as when regarding little Jimmy, an accordion-playing cousin: "Tiny as he was, my cousin seemed at times merely a passive appendage of the respirating instrument, a freakish child attached to a primitive life-support

machine, trying to eke out another day on earth." Amazingly, McInerney goes for a long, down-ward slide into predictability. Patrick goes to Yale and gets ever more stuffy. Savage hits the intelbecomes a record-company mogul, his marriage to a feisty black girl subject to rollercoaster swings. And for 150 pages, we're given a chronicle of interesting times - Martin Luther King, race hatred, death, arson, moon landings, Edward Savage crazily ensconced in a tower could have Kennedy - in which the characters check in and come from a dozen Hammer movies - it ends out, acting typically. The past comes to haunt the story in an 1861 diary, detailing the execution of than the feat of imaginative synthesis that a troublesome black, but its relevance to 1971 is seemed on offer. For all its chameleon skill, it hardly explored. It's revealed that Patrick has been never quite decides what it really is.

nursing a homosexual crush on Will Savage all

along, and the book ends with a clever coup de

théâtre involving sperm and the titular family line,

but by then the so-what factor has taken over. Jay McInemey is a writer of immense charm. His novel pulls you gently into its folds, surrounds you with agreeable characters, amusing dialogue and pacey jump-cuts. But The Last of the Savages can't help being a big disappointbuddy theme nods towards umpteen major American fictions, from Gatsby to On the Road; its big-house idyll derives from Brideshead, while the climactic scenes with Will

Child life

Esther Freud on a Fifties fable

The Orchard on Fire by Shena Mackay Heinemann, £12.99

Thena Mackay's new novel is about the powerlessness of children, their ability to keep a secret and the adults who abuse them. It is 1953, Coronation year, the year of Stalin's death and the ascent of Everest, but for April Harlency, aged eight, it is the unforgettable year that she meets Ruby, her first, best friend.

Mackay introduces us to April, 40 years on, making do for friendship with an irritating upstairs neighbour. She is a schoolteacher now, divorced and childless, clearing a space for herself in an overgrown London garden. Mackay, whose most passionate prose is reserved for nature, takes April back to Stonebridge, the village of her childhood. immersing us with relish in the small-time quiet of the country, "the hot still breath of comfields and the took-took-took of hens." On the surface Stonebridge is a children's heaven, willow and alder, a water vole on a green island of crow's-foot in midstream, and the orchard of the title is "a dark-green and purple-blue paradise where bloomy plums dropped from the low trees into your hands.'
April and Ruby make a camp here in an abandoned railway carriage, adopting "the low hoot of the owl" as code. It is a private place to glory in their friendship and to stay safely out of reach of Ruby's bullying purents - that is, until Mr Greenidge appears.

In Mr Greenidge, Mackay has created a wonderfully sinister character. Jewial and modest, long-suffering and sly, with an invalid wife and a salami sausage of a dog called Liesel. On first meeting Mr Greenidge, April wonders if she's seen him before, and from that moment hardly a day passes that we don't come across him. He loiters with his dog in Lovers Lane, ambles past the school, and calls to April with the low hoot of the owl, so that she and Ruby are forced to switch to "the lone cry of the pecwit" to outwit him. Mackay captures perfectly the passion and humour of their friendship, the shared books, treasures and jokes. But against this atmosphere of lightheartedness, of fairy-lights and teacakes, a small, sad drama is being

April is invited to the Greenidges on Sundays to play with Liesel and cheer up the housebound Mrs G. *Bless me, I've gone and forgotten the sugar!" - and while April searches for it in the unfamiliar kitchen, Mr Greenidge comes up behind her and presses his body against hers, tickling her neck with his salt-andpepper beard, "You won't tell will you?" And, of course. April is too polite to do so.

Mackay undercuts the warmth of April's family life with a real and creeping dread. Her parents, Betty and Percy, are cosy people with a period language of their own who fail to guess the cause of their daughter's distress.

For all the riotous descriptions of nature, the over-packed images too full of adjectives. this is a subtle book. Its themes are simply and beautifully constructed and the beguiling here of a Fifties chil after the last page.

On April's return journey, in middle age. she passes the Greenidges old house. Sometimes, in memory, that pink quilted bed was as innocuous as a rose, and I think, what Mr Greenidge did wasn't really so bad." But with her next breath she remembers how he corroded her childhood with fear, anxiety and deceit, and we are reminded of the ability of children to push their suffering to one side.



Susie Boyt on the trail of riches and beauty from Liverpool to New York

Jalerie Windsor's second novel, Saint and Warrior by Valerie Windsor, Viking, £13.50 Saint and Warrior, is the memoir of a woman convicted of murder, who writes to us from her prison cell. The narrative is interspersed with weekly conversations between the heroine and her prison psychiatrist, that most Falkland heroes preferred, her work in the prison library and occasional visits from members of her family and her solicitor, who is putting together an appeal on her behalf.

From her earliest beginnings, Sandra Bagnall recognises that she has star quality. The women who gaze and coo at her in her pram declare her a beauty queen, destined for the films like that Elizabeth Taylor. Constantly hearing her angelic looks associated with truth and goodness, infant Sandra, who has inherited her African father's height and bone structure and her Irish mother's luminous complexion and sparkly eyes, hatches an ambition to become a saint. She pictures the people flooding to admire the "translucent beauty of her soul shining through her billowing robes. This fantasy is rudely shattered when, aged 11, Sandra accidentally kills her little sister.

The suppressed guilt that this inci-dent produces (Sandra receives no nightmare, and a conventional story blame, only comfort for the loss of her of growing up, it is the Bildungsroman sibling) is set up as the explanation for the direction of the rest of Sandra's life, the years of passive, aimless living, culminating in the murder of her husband in her thirties - perhaps a final attempt to win some recognition for the part she played in her sister's death.

Some of the more extreme events Sandra's twenties, in which she makes ures convincingly define her as a girl the transition from nervous patient in who is lost and hurt, trying to find a a nursing home to Kathy Kuriakis, world where she can live numbly, and Page Three girl, the national pin-up not have to risk having any feelings.

seems odd, because I would have thought Sandra lacked the tenacity necessary for that level of celebrity. Her marriage to the international art collector, Dysart Stevens, complete with villas and Upper East side apartments, seems a little trite as well as unlikely: he the passionless aesthete. she another beautiful thing for his collection. When Dysart commissions numerous artists to paint his new wife, and hangs the pictures in a room. transferring his affections gradually from his wife onto the paintings, it

does seem as though the author is tak-

The Cast Iron Shore by Linda Grant, Picador, £15.99

ing us through a set-piece.
As the child Sandra longs for glamour, sainthood and supermodeldom, so the author seems to require a passage of gracious living in her novel, for fear it will become too ordinary. Yet Windsor is at her best when dealing with ordinary things. In a book that is divided between fairy-tale, elements that are most effective: the curt and vicious rivalry between Sandra and her elder sister Beverley; the growth of her adolescent passion for Billy Fox in his transit van; the intense discomfort she feels in Billy's parents' house, which is all peach and bleach. Sandra's subsequent associations with

The Cast Iron Shore by Linda Grant is a daring and unusual novel. It sets the development of its glamorous heroine against a study of some of the most important struggles of the 20th century, bringing issues of race, equality and prejudice within its scope. It is also a book that is deeply obsessed with fashion. Sybil Ross's childhood is lent a powerful glamour by the fact that her Jewish father is a furrier. She brims with pride at the sorts of conversations that go on in her house:

"I'll think about a coat for the coming season."

'No, she's too young for fox. It's a middle-aged woman's fur." "Persian broadtail?"

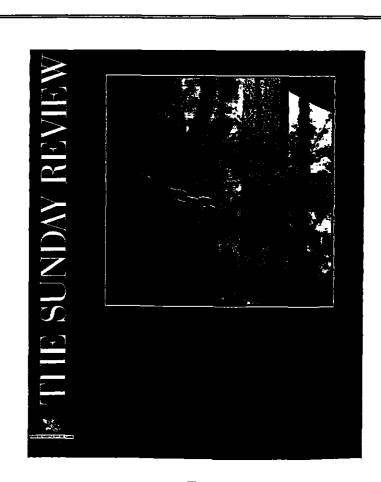
"Too sophisticated. Chinchilla." "Divine," my mother exclaimed.

Witty, young and chic." Sybil's mother is obsessed with clothes, using them like a drug to disguise the pain of her life. She takes day trips from Liverpool to London, cruising the dress shops, fantasising about her life as a rich London lady and speaking like a magazine: "How soon the fitting room chic disappears if the material is not good." The fashion details are mesmerising: a mauve suede glove here, a ballerina-length gown there, a coral-pink tweed jacket, a pair of Mirasilk stockings. In fact, in in this novel do not quite ring true. a series of kind but shady father figso disciplined about eating, the emphasis on clothes comes to seem like the gorgeous descriptions of food that contemporary novelists often favour. period of great world change.

Yet Sybil has a guilty secret - her mother is German. As a half-Jewish girl she holds the enemy within, and this division is offered as the reason for her dissatisfaction, her restlessness. After a romance with a Jewish man is thwarted by the discovery of her true parentage, Sybil embarks on a long romance with Stan, a bisexual, snappy-dressing Liverpudlian sailor whom she eventually follows to New York. There her fashion knowledge and good looks land her jobs in a series of department stores, where both she and Stan make much use of her staff discount.

One New Year, when Stan is away, lured to the dance halls of Harlem, Sybil falls for Julius, a black American activist and "autodidact" whose outlook is severe (his romantic code is "if you have an itch - scratch it"). and who teaches Sybil the shallowness of her ways. He educates her in his philosophy, has her wrestling with her own superficiality, and introduces her to the Communist Party when McCarthyism is at its height.

This is the part of the novel I found least attractive. Sybil's education and subsequent hardships, although not unconvincing, are a huge wrench from what we have come to expect, but then Grant's novel is very ambitious in its range. It takes us from department store to political rally, from dance halls to a life in exile, atmospherically recreating wartime Liverpool, post-war New York, and ending with an elderly Sybil reviewing her lot in London in the 1980s. It is chiefly memorable, however as an intelligent investigation of the different choices available to a beautiful woman drifting through life during a

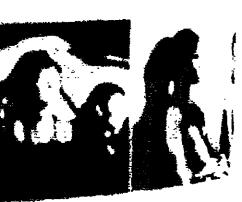


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IN TOMORROW'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY



The Puccini of cinema grows up



Is he the architect of emotional cathedrals, a visionary technophile exploring the eternal verities? Or is he a saccharined philistine, peddling comic-strip sentimentality? J.G. Ballard, a one-time collaborator, defends the reputation of Steven Spielberg

teven Spielberg poses a huge problem for film critics and *cinéastes*. Despite his immense suc-cess, with several of the highest-grossing films of all time, his momentous themes and mastery of the film medium, they remain convinced that a deep flaw runs through his entire work. This flaw seems easy to define - a compound of sentimentality, over-flamboyant spectacle, and too close a reliance on the rhythms and style of the

comic strip.
Yet the films endure, and clearly grow richer with age, vehicles of breathtaking power and glamour that cruise effortlessly through our imaginations like a fleet of gold Cadillacs. The qualities that the cinéastes see as weaknesses I see as Spielberg's strengths, and as the reason why he is one of today's most important film-makers, the producer-director who single-handedly saved the Hollywood film when it threatened to founder in the Seventies.

Besides, sentimentality and spectacle have a valuable place in the arts, as in the operas of Puccini though there are puritans who feel slightly queasy at the thought of *Tosca* and *Madama Butterfly*. In many ways Spielberg is the Puccini of cinema, one of the highest compliments I can pay. He may be a little too sweet for some tastes, but what melodies, what orchestrations, what cathedrals of emotion...

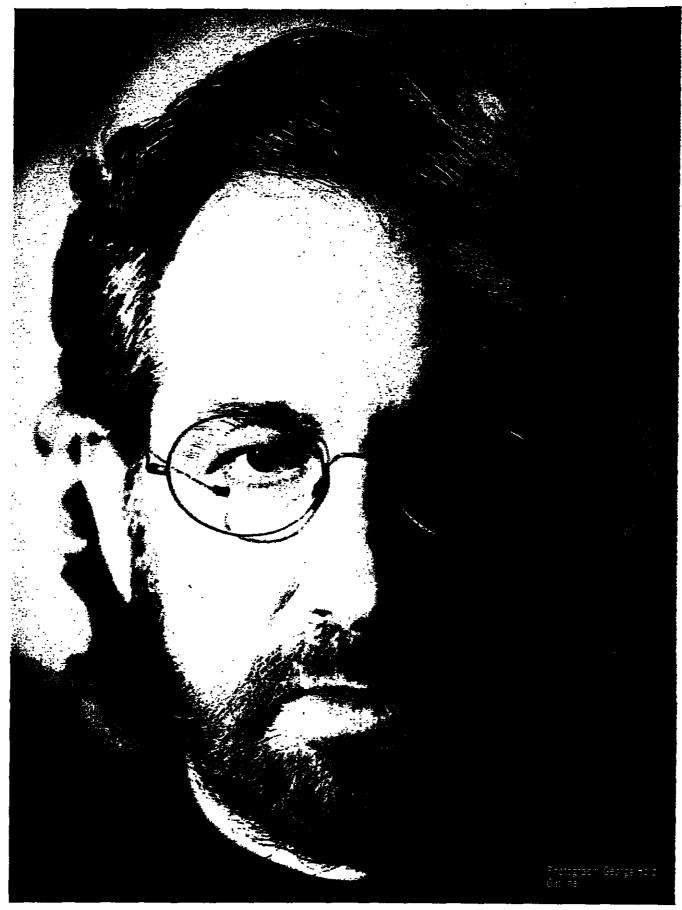
Spielberg's problem with the critics, I suspect, is that he has always been too American, dedicated to the values of a provincial America - in fact its heartland and ideological engine - they preferred to ignore. A few years ago, at the Hollywood premiere of Empire of the Sun, I was amazed by the hostility that American journalists showed towards Spielberg. One even asked me why I had allowed him to film my novel one of the strangest questions ever put to me, and with a scarcely concealed sub-text.

These American journalists came from New York, Boston and Chicago, while Spielberg's roots seemed to be set deep in a Norman Rockwell suburbia of soda fountains, beauty parlours and daytime TV, a Fifties vision of the good life still aspired to by most of the planet's population, but one which makes Spielberg's metropolitan critics profoundly uneasy. Perhaps they realise that too much of American culture is based on the sentimentality, naïvety and showy self-confidence that they recognise in the mirror of Spielberg's

Curiously, Spielberg's childhood was not especially happy. His parents were divorced in his teens, and a series of wrenching family moves led him from small-town New Jersey to an Arizona suburb, and eventually to anti-Semitic northern California. He was gawky and unpopular, but his father's 8mm Kodak camera saved him.

At the age of 14 he made Escape to Nowhere, a 40-minute war film for which he recruited his mother, sisters and friends, and followed this, while still at school, with Firelight, a full-length science fiction feature that his father screened to a paying audience in a specially rented cinema. Later, he spent his spare time haunting Universal Studios, and his sheer persistence led to a contract as a director of TV movies.

With Duel, one of the best-ever made-for-TV films. he displayed most of the qualities present in his subsequent blockbusters: the absence of stars or glamorous roles, the suburban characters and locations, the down-playing of dialogue and dramatic complexity in favour of a relentless, through-the-windscreen view of



It is, however, Spielberg's apparent shortcomings that most concern John Baxter in his absorbing book. Steven Spielberg: The Unauthorised Biography (HarperCollins, £18). They seem to give him a nagging headache that one can sense on almost every page. Baxter is a shrewd, witty and very readable writer who has produced superb biographics of Pellini and Ken Russell, directors with something of Spielberg's bravura talents.

But Baxter is clearly uncomfortable with Spiel-berg, who unsettles him by thwarting his best and worst expectations. Baxter points out that, by the late 1970s, Jaws and Close Encounters of the Third Kind had brought Spielberg a fortune of some \$200 million. But while traditional Hollywood moguls rolled around in stretch limos and dined at Ma Maison and Spago, Spielberg lived frugally, drove a rented car and dressed in jeans and train-

In Baxter's eyes, this behaviour merely reveals Spielberg's perpetual adolescence. I would compliment him on his indifference to convention as he pursued his unique vision. Baxter repeatedly emphasises that the imaginations of Spielberg and the Movie Brats - Lucas, Scorsese, Coppola et al - were entirely fed by the films they had seen in child-hood, an accusation he wouldn't dream of levelling at, for example, a novelist who had passed his formative years in the library.

Film, for most of this century, has been a far more serious medium than the novel, and the Movie Brats and their encyclopaedic knowledge of film from the Lumière brothers onwards compare favourably with today's film students, for whom the original Die Hard and Terminator represent all the history they feel they need to know.

Baxter quotes an unnamed colleague who says of Spielberg: "He has all the virtues – and the defects – of a 16-year-old", and refers to him as the Peter Pan of movies, the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up, who preserved himself in an artificial adolescence. But boys who won't grow up soon find themselves in remedial institutions, and do not control the giant entertainment and media conglomerates that increasingly set the pace of the world's

The Spielberg I first met on the Empire of the Sun film set in 1987 struck me as highly intelligent, hard-minded and wholly adult, a visionary who accepted that the age of sophistication is over and that the benevolent technologies that govern our lives are happy to welcome the era of the naïve. Throughout his films Spielberg is using the global entertainment culture to explore those constants of our everyday lives that we all take for granted - the wonder of existence, the magic of space-time, and the miracle of consciousness and childhood.

Were it not for Spielberg's high-concept cinema and the huge audiences and revenues he attracted, the Hollywood of the 1980s would have been stranded among the disappointments of late Kubrick, Coppola and Cimino, sustained by little more than the empty Star Wars spectacles of George Lucas. The resistance to Spielberg expressed by Hollywood's old guard only confirms their grudging debt to him. Given that Hollywood is a company town, and that in company towns everyone respects the man who signs the cheques, it is significant that Spielberg had to wait until Schindler's List - the least Spielbergian of his films - before receiving his first Oscar.

Punch-drunk and disorderly

Gordon Burn steps into the ring with a laconic memoirist and a slumming professor

Ben Watt of the pop group Everything But The Girl once wrote a song called "Boxing and Pop by Thomas Healy, Picader, £14.99" Music", whose lyric summed up the appeal that "the sweet science of bruising" has traditionally had for aspiring low-lifes of all backgrounds Life by Geoffrey Beattie, Goland ages, and all neurotic boy-outsiders: "Lying in bed on a weekday night, listening to the title fight, from a town the radio said was Atlantic City. Branches brush the windows, the hour is early morning, and Frankie's beating hell out of the

champion." Keening, nostalgic, poetic and yet "manly", it is the kind of song that would find favour with instance, when he is out of work, demoralised and still trying to find his form as a writer, Healy borrows £15 and trudges through the dark and ruin to see Mohammad Ali's third fight against Joe Frazier "The Thriller in Manila" - in a cinema in the middle of Glasgow. "I had no money for a taxi fare, much less a hefty bet... And my shoes were leaking, letting in. You could hear the squelch each step I took, as if I were walking through a pud-

Healy was born in 1944. Ali is had been cut off, the winos had moved in, and the Ali-Liston return in a pub brawl — "My opponent... years later, when Healy takes known as "Naz".

On The Ropes: Boxing as a Way of

fight was shown live on television.
"In the kitchen. A coal fire. It caught against the windowpane. and my mother sat up with me. In her nightgown. About three in the morning." In September 1966. Healy travelled to Frankfurt to see Thomas Healy, a fight fan who, like all fight fans, has a romantic streak later he was in the Glasgow Orleon ail fight fans, has a romantic streak later he was in the Glasgow Odeon as broad as Sauchiehall Street running through him. In 1975, for Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams. "I was sat next to a gny I knew. He was a big-time hood. Very dangerous. Not a man you would want to

Joyce Carol Oates once proposed that, far from boxing being a metaphor for life, life is a metaphor for boxing - "for one of those bouts that go on and on, round following round... again the bell and again you and your opponent so evenly matched it's impossible not to see that your

opponent is you." Thomas Healy's has not been two years older. In 1965, Healy and an uneventful life. A Hurting Busihis mother were the last tenants liv- ness opens with him travelling on ing in their close in the Gorbals; it a train from Glasgow to Manwas due for demolition, the water chester, he has been drunk for sev-

had done time, some years for Martin to the vet to be destroyed. murder." Shades of "Sammy" There is something eroticized and Samuels, the blinded ex-con in James Kelman's Booker-winner How Late It Was, How Late. (And particularly in the nonboxing, autobiographical/confessional sections of A Hurting Business, Healy's writing will take comparison with Kelman and the best of the other Scottish brutal

But sometimes over-programmatically - a writer sticking too anxiously to his brief - Healy measures out his life in world heavyweight champions, to the point where the reader has some sympathy with the girlfriend who asks him why he doesn't go and live with Joe Frazier.

The inevitability of one champion succeeding another gave coherence and pattern to an otherwise drifting life. After Ali, though, and the advent of cable and pay-per-view, the titles in all boxing weight divisions proliferated. Not surprisingly, Healy looks back to the Ali years for his bearings: "We grow old, and I tracked my time, the stages of my life, with the career of Ali."

ship in Healy's life seems to have been with a Dobermann called Martin, his working partner in Dobermann Securities. "I had had Martin since Larry Holmes, when Holmes was champion in April of 1983." Riddick Bowe is the cham-

There is something eroticized and touching (something Ackerley-like) in his relationship with the dog. Interestingly, a number of the young comers and old punchies in the American writer Thom Jones's first collection of stories, The Pugilist at Rest, drew solace from the dumb company of Stafford-

shire terriers and boxer dogs.
Ring Lardner discovered the energising qualities of rough ver-nacular language in the Twenties, and there are strong echoes in both Jones and Healy, of Lardner's "uneducated", uncomprehending pug narrators.

Authenticity of language is something you might expect to find in On The Ropes, which largely consists of interviews with street flotsam and near-delinquents, the gym rats and chancers and "characters" - Mick "The Bomb" Mills, Ricky "The Brick" Stackhouse - of Brandan Ingle's fisticuffs academy in Sheffield. Unfortunately, Geoff "The Prof" Beattie (he is Professor of psychology at Manchester University) proves to be an easy touch, whether it's buying the blarney or The most meaningful relation- a bit of "snide" Armani in a night-

club toilet. Ring Lardner's best-known story, "Champion", still has more to tell us about sporting heroes than Gavin Evans's Prince of the Ring (Robson), 280 pages chronicling the wit and wisdom of Prince Nascem Hamed, the champion

The spy who came out from the pub

Michael Arditti on a genre-defying tale of warring brothers with a European sweep

raternal rivalry has been a fictional mainstay from Aeschylus to Jeffrey Archer. Julian and Raymond Whyte, the protagonists of Robert McCrum's new novel, represent an attractive addition to the genre. Not simply a rich man and a poor man but a pragmatist and an idealist, a liberal and a communist, and a bachelor and a married man, they provide a neat study of the contrasts in European personal and political life since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Julian, a provincial lawyer and, significantly, a part-time coroner, is pleased by the news of Raymond's return to England after nearly 30 years in the GDR. He has hitherto lived a placid bachelor existence to the time-honoured rhythms of Sussex village life. His well-ordered precision is expressed most clearly in his nar-rative voice, reminiscent of Graham Greene's retired bank manager, Henry Pulling. Like Pulling, his world is torn apart by exposure to his more exotic relative, although with less benign results.

Raymond arrives home with little luggage but a great deal of psychological and political baggage. He also brings his third wife, Kristina, and their two young chilextended family life are, however, dashed by his unexpectedly pas-sionate feelings for Kristina, Like many men whose romantic expewith obsession. His probity, professionalism, even his bank bal-

by Robert McCrum Macmillan, £15.99

ance are compromised. But his newly awakened emotions lead him to uncover an unsuspected infidelity during an inquest.

The locus of the novel is the vil-

lage, with a focus even narrower than the three or four families favoured by Jane Austen. Until the crucial final section, the only significant character outside Julian and Raymond's households is Julian's former girlfriend, Susan. Only once do the characters stray beyond the Sussex boundaries. But, within these provincial confines, McCrum is able to portray a much broader European struggie. Raymond and Kristina's domestic drama provides a microcosm of the collapse of communism and the loss of political ideals. Raymond's work as an informer for the Stasi is depicted less as a betrayal than

dren. Julian's hopes of an consequences he is not immune. even in England. Although it is the exiles who instigate the plot, McCrum's main subject, as in rience is limited, he confuses love

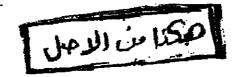
On one level, this is seen in the much of his work, is Englishness. richly detailed background of rural life, from flora and fauna to hunt-

ing and evensong. The book's four movements subtly reflect the changing seasons. Key events are set against popular festivals: Valentine's Day, Guy Fawkes Day, Hailowe'en. Even the village pub and the village shop are made to represent sources of tradition and health from which Raymond and

Kristina remain alien. And yet, beyond this, Julian's increasing corruption shows that the ascendance of the English brother owes more to an accident of geography (living on an island rather than in a divided city) than to any inherent moral superiority. Indeed, when he proclaims man to be a moral animal, Julian argues from a purely negative base: his need to be punished. His air of civilisation is shown to be a veneer; in the company of his fellow coroners, he enjoys official slide-shows of sexual asphyxiations and watches a police video of the Lockerbie disaster for fun.

Robert McCrum's achievement is to question ideologies and subvert moralities, by setting a John Le Carré drama in the world of Barbara Pym.

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A wild and crazy Why

E Jane Dickson discovers that 'esse est percipi' can be fun

The Solitaire Mystery by Jostein Gaarder Secker, £15.99

ife, Jostein Gaarder repeatedly reminds us, is "a crazy adventure". Readers who are quiveringly sensitive to the word "crazy", with its secondary, Scandinavian meaning of blithe and blameless heartiness, should be warned that they may find the tone of *The Solutine Mystery*

distressing

Like Sophie's World, the 1995 publishing smash that turned Gaarder, a former philosophy teacher from Bergen, Norway, into an international guru, this new novel is aimed at "young adults" and rests on the premise that "learning can be fun". Sophie's World was a marvellously accessible exposition of Western philosophy linked by a narrative so shamelessly rudimentary as to be incidental. The structure of The Solitaire Mystery is considerably more evolved, but scarcely more rewarding.

Hans Thomas is a precocious 12-yearold, who journeys from Norway to Greece with his father in search of his mother, who has abandoned family life in order to "find herself". "Why did she have to go away to find herself?" asks Hans Thomas. "My advice to all those who are going to find themselves is they ought to stay exactly where they are." If this seems a startlingly gnomic pronouncement for a 12-year-old. it is considerably easier on the gorge than Hans Thomas in winsome mood, when he plans to "give Dad some peace of mind as a Christmas present".

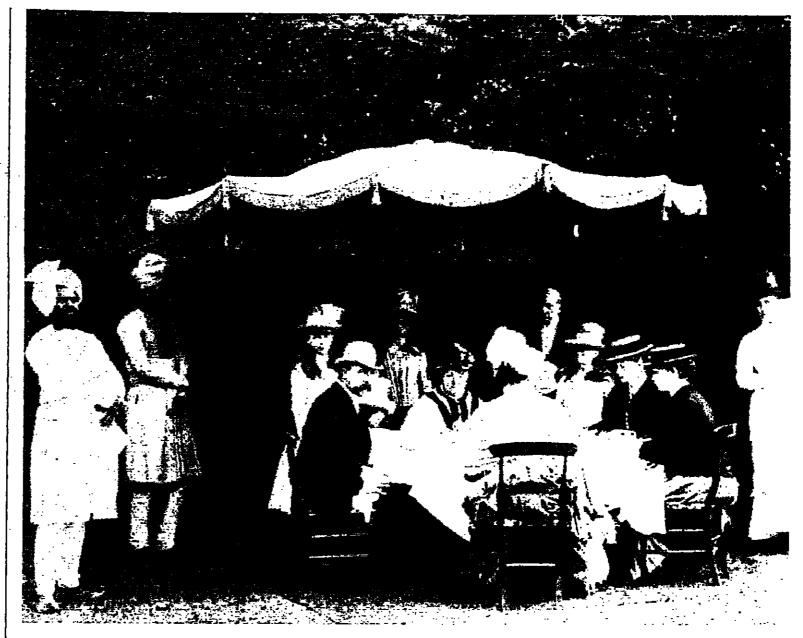
On their way across the Alps, Hans Thomas is given a magnifying glass by a mysterious dwarf. The glass enables him to read a tiny book which he finds inside a sticky bun. Events in the sticky bun text, an extended allegory of Bishop Berkeley's theory that the world exists only in our perception of it, reflect Hans Thomas's own experience, while his sentimental education is completed by cultural pitstops.

As a teacher, Gaarder is enthusiastic. In

his hands, contingency is worked up into something like a miracle: "The chances of one single ancestor of yours not dying while growing up is one in several billion." Hans Thomas is told. "Life is one huge lottery where only the winning tickets are visible."

Gaarder's literary style does him no favours. "Rainbow Fizz" is a sloppily modern name for a drink developed in 1790, and the triumphant conclusion that "we are all dwarfs, gushing with life" just doesn't sound very nice. The centra imagery of playing cards, magic drinks and messages in buns is is almost certainly Gaarder's homage to Lewis Carroll, but somehow these images lack dimension and momentum in their new setting.

Gaarder is the least cynical of philosophers. His arguments are all to demonstrate that we are miraculous beings in an infinitely interesting universe. In an intellectual climate fugged by irony, The Solitaire Mystery shows that it is possible to be both high-minded and big-hearted. As an introduction to moral philosophy, that is surely enough to be going on with.



Sunshade, rug and windbreak: a lively alfresco tea at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, 1887 with "Grandmama". Queen Victoria at table with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and attended by her two newly arrived Indian servants, Mohammed Bukhsh (far left) and Abdul Karim (left). Victoria's habit of cultivating friendship with her servants drove her household mad. Within months Karim was teaching her Hindustani, helping with her correspondence and being permitted to tempt her with curries. Shushila Anand's 'Indian Sahib: Queen Victoria's Dear Abdul' (Duckworth, £16.75) charts Karim's spectacular rise from khitmagar (servant) to Munshi (teacher) and finally to the Queen's Indian Private Secretary.

There must be more to life than stereotypes

Louise Doughty reads a volume of stories that suddenly breaks out the ordinary

wonder who decides the order in which stories appear in collections — the author, I presented which makes it all the more odd that the least interesting tales seemed to the first. Angela Huth sacratic of a writer on automatic pilot, turning out neat little tales of disappointed lives that lie curite flat on the page.

that lie quite flat on the page. who spends his spare time tending his

frightful widowed mother and fantasising about the heroine in the local pantomime. It seems inevitable that his name should be Reginald. Stereotypes abound throughout this collection: elderly actresses are eccentric; social workers are heartless

busybodies; Irish people are nice, cute and not very bright. A young man at Oxford wears "pale, baggy trousers of crushed linen, as if he'd just discovered Brideshead". Despite the

Another Kind of Cinderella

ing that they all live in the same world, a world of tea and cake and unfulfil dictable tale of a provincial violinist ment. In a telling scene, a woman feels obliged to accept the attentions of a man she finds unpleasant merely because she is hungry. "In return for a drink and a sandwich, she was prepared to put up with almost any kind of company." She is a barrister.

It is only when we get to the fifth of 11 stories, "Laughter in the Willows". that Huth's real qualities begin to shine through. It is no coincidence that this is also one of the longest stories. The opening sentence is typical: "It was Isabel Loughland's second summer up

a failure." For the first few pages the story seems no different from those preceding, but gradually, a sense of the Room, a vivid snapshot of a man cassinister creeps in. What emerges is a sing his mistress and her belongings out genuinely frightening ghost story, the of his flat before his wife returns. Huth resolution of which leaves the reader is very good indeed at showing the way chillingly unreassured.

iour", also uses a stereotype, this cially - if the effect is unintentional. time in the shape of a rebellious New Age daughter who dyes her hair and swears and forces carrot juice down the throat of her dying father - but again, there is an interesting narrative undertone. Although she appears to side with the parents, Huth leaves the question open to the end: which is going to turn out worse for the old man, raw liver or chemotherapy?

All of which seems to suggest that Huth is most comfortable when she has a narrative to deal with. She is adept at moving action forward. She seems less at ease with evoking mood.

at Oxford and in her own mind she was unless it is the wash of failure that colours most of her characters' lives. An exception is "To Re-Arrange a in which possessions are evocations of Another tale, "Alternative Behav- an individual's character, even - espe-

This quality is also evident in "The Wife Trap". A middle-aged woman visits her ex-husband 17 years after their divorce and notes the "plastic blinds at the window, a torn shade on the overhead light, a Formica table patterned with ribbons and roses of crude yellow and blue". The reader shares her sense of superiority, until it becomes increasingly clear that the wife has a few problems of her own. The narrative is punctuated by what she will later report to a neighbour and truth and delusion swiftly diverge, as they so often do in real life.

\II you need to know about Griffiths the books you meant to read

THE WOODLANDERS (1887) by Thomas Hardy

Plot: This time "Hardy country" is Little Hintock, an isolated and claustrophobic woodland community. George Melbury's daughter Grace is promised in marriage to Giles Winterbourne, a stolid timber merchant who is faithfully devoted to her; but Giles is adored by Marty South, a young girl who does odd jobs with logs. When Marty learns of Giles's betrothal she lops off her hair to sell to the local barber. Grace returns from finishing school and is now refined. Her father thinks she is too good for Giles and Grace is pushed towards the socially superior Edred Fitzpiers. They marry, but Fitzpiers takes up with the other outsider in the book. Felice Charmond. She is a champagneswilling temptress who wears a wig made out of Marty's hair. George Melbury assaults Fitzpiers, who flees to the continent with Felice. Grace renews a relationship with Giles. Fitzpiers returns, having quarrelled with his volatile mistress. Grace runs away from him, taking refuge in Giles's hovel. Although it is cold and wet, Giles upholds propriety and spends the night outside in a nest of twigs. He dies of hypothermia a broken heart. Grace and Fitzpiers leave for the city, resuming the marriage made in the ante-room of hell. Marty is left to mourn.

Theme: The "immortal puzzle" of "how to find a basis for sexual relation". (Hardy's Preface) All the characters are isolated fantasists who have immense difficulty communicating.

Style: As ever with Hardy, there are some disconcerting shifts from the lyrical to the bronchial; but the narrative voice maintains its puzzled tone and seldom lapses into coercion.

Chief strengths: The countryside escapes being sentimentalized because Hardy senses the evolutionary struggle that charges both landscape and character: "On older trees still than these, huge lobes of fungi grew like lungs. Here, as everywhere, the Unfulfilled Intention...was as obvious as it could be among the depraved crowds of a city slum."

Chief weaknesses: Giles is good, but he is rather a wet lettuce. His fidelity to Grace can seem a facet of his chronic absence of empathy.

n: Some journalists found the Charmond-Fitzpiers relationship a little "distasteful", but the reviews were favourable and The Woodlanders proved to be Hardy's biggest hit since Far From the Madding Crowd (1874).

What we think of it now: The least appreciated "major" Hardy novel. It lacks the nostalgic tug of his early work and is not as marmoreally "tragic" as the later stuff. Hardy himself, however, thought it his best story.

Ways with words: a literary feast in Devon







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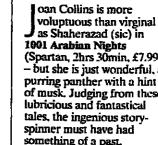
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as Shaherazad (sic) in 1001 Arabian Nights (Spartan, 2hrs 30min, £7.99) - but she is just wonderful, a purring panther with a hint of musk. Judging from these lubricious and fantastical tales, the ingenious storyspinner must have had something of a past.

Helene Hanff is a different sort of charmer. The letters between her and the staff of 84 Charing Cross Road (Reed, 3hrs, £7,99) are a classic correspondence, full of human warmth and a love of English literature. They work very well read aloud.

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Southern comforts

Candida Lloyd travelled through Georgia, from the gracious mansions of Savannah to the surprisingly welcoming jungle swamps (provided you sleep in the trees)

hen you're standing in one of Savannah's 22 squares surrounded by trees dripping with Spanish moss and beautifully restored colonial houses, the United States can seem a surprisingly refined and civilised place. At the heart of the city is the two square-mile historic district. This was the master plan of General James Oglethorpe, who sailed with 114 men, women and children from England - many of them debtors - to set up Savannah in 1733 as a protective buffer between Spanish Florida and the northern English colonies. The series of public squares was designed to provide areas of fortification as well as meeting places. As the port boomed on the back of the cotton industry and the

slave trade, grand houses emerged.

They survived the Civil War, but as the cotton industry collapsed, the city and its 18th- and 19th-century homes became dilapidated and unloved. That was until the 1960s, when the good ladies of Savannah took over and set up a project to

restore the buildings.
Today, the district has a European feel, with cool squares and intricate iron balconies surrounded by curtains of tree moss. A relative of the pineapple family, the moss is reportedly edi-ble, although after munching a mouthful, I think it's on a par with that other great Southern delicacy - grits. eral museums and tours.

Several of the restored homes are



open to the public. The Davenport House was the first home to be reclaimed. Its owner, a master builder named Isaiah Davenport, was connamed Isaiah Davenport, was considered only moderately well off, yet his list of possessions pinned on the wall includes "nine negro slaves". Much more upmarket is Owens Thomas House, built between 1816 and 1819 and designed by William Jay. It has an internal bridge joining the two sides of the house, fake Greek pillars, a domed ceiling that is an optical illusion (it's actually flat and square) and several false doors. •

But the best thing to do in Savan-

But the best thing to do in Savannah is wander the streets, stopping occasionally for iced tea. Outside the historic district are several run-down, predominately black, neighbourhoods, although some are being restored. Savannah was the port of entry for many of Georgia's slaves, and its black history is retold in sev-

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of city, any would-be visitor should read Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, John Berendt's brilliant bestselling novel, which gives details of murder, jazz, cross-dressing and

In July, the city will be packed with city fills up, the cost of accommodation will soar, so and you may want to escape.

For a very different experience, head for the magical Hostel in the Forest. Here guests sleep 20ft up among the trees. There is a choice of about six tree-top houses - each with insect-proof wire meshes on three sides. The decor is basic - an electric fan and light, double mattress, and side table. A late-night visit to the loo involves a precarious climb down a wonky ladder and a woodland walk. But going to sleep to the sounds of the forest and waking as the sun streams through the leaf tops is amazing.

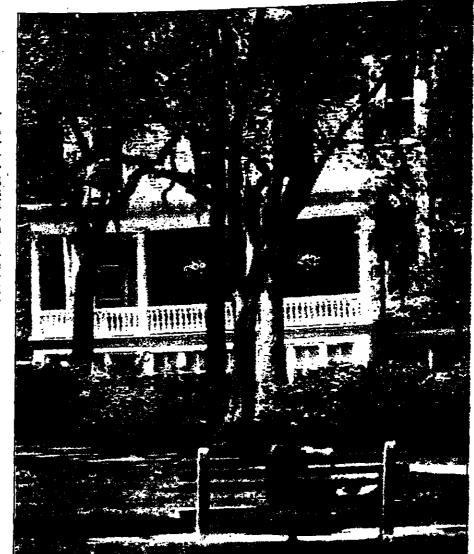
There are also a small number of bunk rooms, showers, wood-chip toilets (the contents of which are recycled in a disturbingly fertile vegetable patch) a kitchen and several common rooms. But best of all is the glass room. The 25ft octagonal wooden structure has sliding glass walls and two swinging rope chairs handing from the rafters. On one side is a natural pond with an island, while the forest sweeps around the For a glimpse of the darker side other sides. Built into the wooden

deck outside is a jacuzzi.
If this is not native enough, an hour

away is the Okefenokee Swamp. home to 20,000 alligators. The owners run boat trips from a visitors centre, where a large lady with a pith hel-met gives talks about snakes. During sailing types who have come to watch the Olympic yachting events. As the cut out of the mangrove swamps I cut out of the mangrove swamps I spotted three beasts from the deep. Our guide assured us that no person has ever been attacked by an alliga-tor. However, there have been sev-eral incidents in which dogs have been left tied to a tree only for their owners to return to find the ragged remains of a lead. So don't take your pets to the swamp.

> the UK with a single change of plane at one of several US
> gateways. Major Travel (0171485 7017) has a July fare of
> £476 on British Airways/USAir
> from Gatwick via Charlotte, but availability is limited. You could instead get a charter to Orlando and rent a car for the 350-mile drive to Savannah - see opposite. For accommodation in Savannah try Bed and Breakfast Inn, 117 W Gordon St (001 912 238 0518) - it has a range of great rooms, including a converted stable, from about £25 to £60 a night. The Hostel in the Forest is nine miles west of Brunswick on US-82 (264 9738); \$10 a night.

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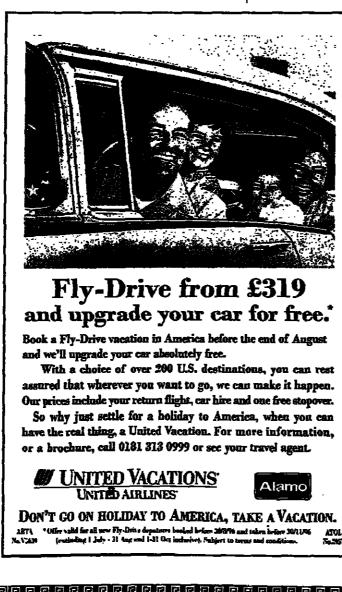
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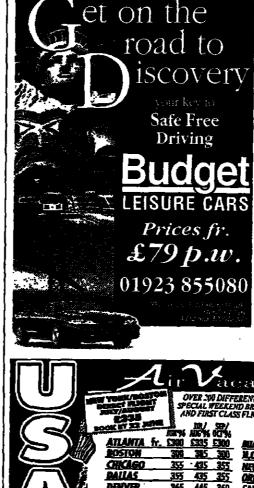
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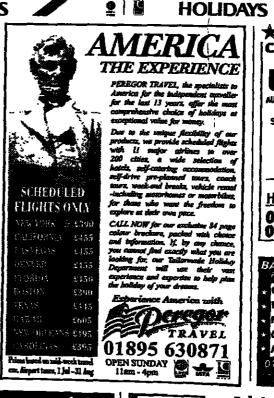
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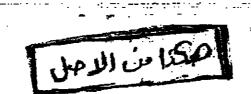




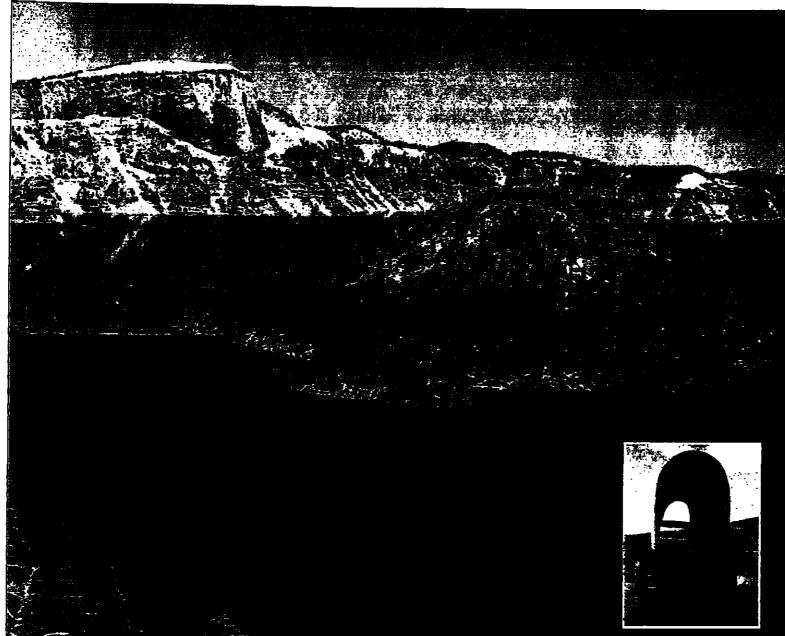


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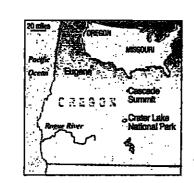








7,700 years ago by the Inset: a covered wagon at the



'Half horse, half alligator, reckless, fearless' discoveries on the trail to the promised land

Judith Hendershott retraces the route of the pioneer settlers

raise in the wild Oregon country.

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Great-grandma Phipps crossed the Oregon Trail from Missouri to the Pacific twice: as an infant in 1857 when she was kidnapped by the Indians and bartered for one of her father's cows, and in 1875 when she helped her widowed father drive the mule train across the prairie steppes. That autumn she reached the southern Oregon valley of the Rogue River - inhabited by Rogue River Indians - and married my great-grandfather. Together they built a large homestead, which I used to visit during childhood summers.

A hundred and twenty years later, my 81-year-old father and I retraced part of 19th-century writer describe these mounher journey, criss-crossing the Oregononly segment of the Trail - this large state accounts for around 500 miles of the Oregon Trail. We did not trudge on foot 10-20 miles per day but instead drove 300 miles per day in our sleek Japanese automobile, looping round the state. It took the pioneer settlers four to six months to walk the nearly 2,000 miles from Independence, Missouri to the "promised land" in western Oregon. It took us five days to drive over high mountain passes, precipitous bluffs, bone-wrenching volcanic flows, and searing sagebrush plains.

Near our campsites we encountered rattlesnakes, deer, coyotes, cougars, eagles, bears and biting flies. We wanted to experience the sort of life and the variety of terrain and animals those hardy pioneers encountered

We set out from the western terminus of the Oregon Trail in the Willamette Valley town of Eugene, founded by pioneer Eugene Skinner, and headed south to the

of my London home. She was, souville you feel as if you are on the movie you can visit the Kam Wah Chung according to family legend, a for- set of High Noon - but it's real. In the Museum which served as a general store, midable woman, six feet tall, wid- Pioneer Cemetery are buried Protestants, office of the Chinese herbal doctor, Chi-

From here the Trail heads east and north to the Cascade Mountains. This is Twin Peaks country: deep, dark silent woods. We pitched our tent in a public campsite and settled down for the night. Little did we know that there was a loggers' Jamboree (a sort of Highland Games) in the nearby tiny community of Prospect: at 2am we were woken by the sounds of "visitors".

Worn out by their exertions in axethrowing, tree-cutting and chainsaw-brandishing competitions, a drunken crowd had decided to resolve their feuds in our neck of the woods. Not for nothing did a tain men as "half horse, half alligator. tipped with snapping-turtle, reckless, fear-

ess and law-despising". Our next stop was Crater Lake National Park. This enormous stretch of water was formed around 7,700 years ago by the cataclysmic eruption of Mount Mazama. Indian legend tells of the explosion which caused the collapse of the volcano: shamans in historic time forbade Indians to view the lake, and trappers and pioneers did not find it until 1853 when it was discovered by gold prospectors.

From the mountains the Oregon Trail leads to the High Desert country, an immense arid plateau which is mostly populated by cattle, horses and rattlesnakes. Human settlements are sparse here, but one of the most interesting is Sumpter, once a metropolis of about 4,000 brawling gold miners, card sharks, renegades, gunmen and ladies of the evening. In its heyday there were 16 saloons, an opera house, six restaurants, seven hotels - and Gold Rush country of the Rogue River, six churches. At one time there were more

he stern portrait of my great- near the California border. Here in the than 2,000 Chinese miners living in the there is not shade or water on the trail.

grandmother hangs in the stainwell well preserved frontier town of Jack- vicinity; in the nearby town of John Day Visitors are warned: "Insects can be the now-uninhabited mining town of Bourne - its richest mine and best hotel were owned by a London family called the Barings, who made it a practice to clear the dining room of miners before eating.

We finally reached our goal - the actual wagon tracks made by the pioneers - in the north-east corner of the state, near the Idaho border. Outside the town of Baker City, on a sagebrush-covered bluff called Flagstaff Hill is the Oregon Trail Interpretative Centre, an historical time tunnel beckoning visitors into a stunning recreation of life during the Great Migration. It overlooks an immense plain called Virtue Flat, which the pioneer settlers crossed in their Conestoga wagons.

A well preserved segment of the Oregon Trail is set between the Rockies 1,000 miles to the east and the Cascade Mountains several hundred miles to the west. From 1840 to 1870 nearly half a million pioneers travelled the 2,000 miles of Oregon Trail. Over time the wagons, animals and settlers broke down the sagebrush on Virtue Flat and the dusty earth became imprinted by sets of parallel rust cut deep by the wagon wheels.

At the Center, opened in 1992, you see life-size recreations of trail, accompanied by pungent sounds and smells. Interspersed with the "living" tableaux are informative video films and hands-on displays. Outside, there is a trail of more than four miles around Flagstaff Hill, which leads to a series of viewpoints and historic sites travelled by the emigrants.

The loop starts nearly a mile high and descends 372 feet - not for the faint-

Visitors are warned: "Insects can be bothersome and ticks can be dangerous. Stay on the trail. Be alert for scorpions and rattlesnakes". There are several levowed with 12 young children to Catholics, Jews, and Indians, mingling in the wild Oregon country.

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Our "trail" home to the Willamette Valley took us across the McKenzie Pass of the Cascade range. My great-grandmother and her father came this way in 1875 over the black lava beds, the remains of a volcanic lava flow from 6,000-8,000 years ago. A bleak sight it is, the black slithering stuff in hardened waves, funnels, ridges and canyons. Here and there is a scrawny pine tree clinging to life. Visible on the edge of the 20th-century road are the remains of the first road to cross this God-forsaken place, the ruts of the old wagon road, used by the pioneers. One can only imagine the gritty endurance of these intrepid people. braving wind, snow, wild animals and Indians, in order to establish their homes in the "promised land".

> For travel in July (high season), Flightbookers (0171-757 2000) is quoting £518 on Air Canada from Heathrow via Vancouver, while Airline Network (0800 727747) has a flight from Gatwick on TWA via St Louis for £542 return. These fares include tax.

The Florida bargain this summer

By Simon Calder and Chris Armond



main street in Key West, Florida

Robert Harding Picture

reddie Laker virtually invented Florida as a holiday destination for Brits, when his Skytrain service to Miami began in 1982. So after the collapse of the original Laker Airways, it is only right that his familiar redand-black DC-10s should be among the flotilla of aircraft heading west-south-west to the Sunshine State this summer.

His flights to Orlando from Gatwick, Manchester and Prestwick are competing in the marketplace with Virgin Atlantic's new route from Manchester. and a host of charter services far too many, in fact, for the demand. So fares have fallen to levels unknown for a decade.

Stories over the past few weeks about holidays to Florida for under a tenner are somewhat wide of the mark. As Jeremy Skidmore remarked in his recent Inside Track column in these pages, extras for airport and security taxes, personal insurance and other charges on the car rental are where the agents make their profit, bringing the total price up to around £200 for a fortnight's fly-drive.

Bookings are firmer in July and August, so bargain holidays in the height of summer are likely to be harder to find. But for now, a rental car in Florida

is yours for the taking.

The main players for Florida
fly-drives include Airtours
(01706 260000), First Choice (0161-745 7000), Thomson (0990 673310) and Unijet (01444 459191); or look at the latest

advertisements on ITV Teletext. head when you land? Here is the Independent Traveller's hourby-hour guide from Orlando International Airport. Note that charters serving the airport at Sanford, 20 miles north, will add around 30 minutes to most of these journey times.

30 minutes: Assuming you can navigate the maze of toll roads and expressways from the airport, then downtown Orlando has plenty going for it. Attractions include streets that are actually designed for walking around; a city park that involves no theme beyond being a peaceful, pondside venue for a picnic; and, if you prefer not to drive, the hub of Orlando's excellent bus network.

From here you can easily reach International Drive ("I-Drive" to locals and people who have been in Orlando for at least an hour), where those without accommodation should be able to find a room without too much trouble or expense. All those planeloads of Brits have yet to soak up the surplus of vacancies over vacationers. In January (much higher season than now), paid \$30 (£20) per night for a large double room.

1 hour: Make a Bee Line along the Expressway of that name to Spaceport USA, the launch site for what remains of America's

space effort. An astronaut built from Lego welcomes to you a rather tired Visitor Center. which is the hub of some worthy audio-visual presentations

about the space race. Once the bus trip around the launch sites begins (you are not allowed to wander off on your own, in case you trip over a Saturn V rocket) any tedium evaporates. Even when no preparations for launches are under way, the audacity with which a tranquil slab of coastline has been transformed into earth's terminus for the moon is astonishing.

2 hours: Drive straight through Tampa on Interstate 4. Florida has more exciting cities than Tampa, and furthermore you actually get a fine view of the downtown area from the freeway that carves through it.

Keep going across the Howard Frankland Bridge to the sprawling, flat peninsula that supports the city of St Petersburg. With Tampa Bay on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, this is a city of two halves. Its Russian namesake may boast the Hermitage Museum, but the Salvador Dali Collection (on the Bay side) bestows Florida's St Pete with a cultural dimension lacking in similar-sized cities.

Once on the Gulf shore, you can almost feel the envy of Miami Beach residents. What it lacks in Art Deco density, St Pete's Sand Key makes up for in splendid solitude and stunning sunsets.

The question is - where to the state are having to make do with claims like "West Palm Beach - South Florida's Least Crowded Customs Gateway' the epithet "oldest city in the United States" is bound to draw the tourists. So the Spanish colonial heart of St Augustine has lots of visitors and a surfeit of twee restaurants.

Yet this Atlantic resort is an essential stop for anyone wanting to get to grips with Florida beyond the theme parks - and to understand the European settlement of America. Wandering around soon after dawn is ideal, before the day-trippers reach town and while the cafes are busily squeezing their fresh orange juice (and probably sundrying their tomatoes). At the Castillo de San Marco, you could almost be in Havana - but don't tell anyone.

> The United States no longer has a tourist office in London. So start by calling the Florida Division of Tourism (0891 600555). For more specific information try the following: the Keys (01564 794555); Palm Beach (0181-681 7762); Marco Island (0800 891411); Naples (0800 962122); Orlando (0171-243 8072); St Petersburg

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Tampa (01494 881552).

How to enjoy your Florida fly-drive Yes – it is like the movies. On Florida freeways you can legally overtake on either side. Watch

Don't forget your licence, it's amazing how many people do. An eagerly anticipated fly-drive holidays becomes a rather frustrating fly-sit.

Splash out on a first-night taxi, If your flight arrives late at night get a taxi to the hotel and pick up the car in the morning. Better than getting lost as you try to find your jetlagged way in the dark.

When it rains, it pours. Oil rises to the surface of the roads, creating mini-skidpans. Slow down and keep your distance, or stay off the road. Seek white-knuckle rides in the theme parks, not on the

Keep to the limits. After 22 years of restrictions, Americans have grown used to driving a lot slower than 70mph. Police enforce speed limits with a passion.

There's no such thing as free car hire. Budget for extra costs, anything from top-up insurance and airport charges to environment

Park front first. Florida cars have number plates only on the back. So the law says that when you're parking you need to display your only (rear) licence to any passing police, so drive in front first.

Enjoy. Read maps, use common sense and have fun. America, after all, is designed for the car.

Not every tandem passenger makes a full contribution to pedalling

Dittain's charter airlines are, Smostly, excellent. But my asking last week for details of charter lights where not everything had gone quite according to plan resulted in a veritable overbooking of stories, such as this one from Mike Stace of conbridge, recounting a trip to the anary Islands last summer.

"On the outward trip it was quite in. On arrival in Tenerife the capain announced that we had landed n La Paima (we hadn't) and got the ocal time wrong by an hour. The abin crew, on the other hand, hoped hat we would have a pleasant holiday in Paphos. But the real excitenent came two weeks later.

When I phoned to reconfirm the lights, I was greeted by a taped mesage which told me without much hange, that the departure was at were sent to a check-in at the other 10pm rather than 6pm. At 8pm we end of the airport indicated as a group of Australians who'd been

joined a huge crowd and queued for an hour to be halted a few yards short of the check-in desk when the checkin clerk discovered that the plane had fewer seats than he had expected. We had been bumped.

"Passenger pressure persuaded the airline rep that she'd better phone England for advice, which she did from a public pay phone. She then revealed that the plane was indeed smaller than she had expected, but that another was on its way. After closer questioning from the waiting crowd it emerged that this was not an extra plane but one booked to leave at 1.30am with a full load of passengers. We asked how to

avoid being bumped off that one, too. "There ensued a full and frank discussion in English and Spanish, conviction, or any comment on the from which a plan emerged. We



SIMON CALDER

being for Munich. This may have been a clever ploy to put the passengers for the 1.30am off the scent, but I suspect that no one knew how to work the electronic display: the 10pm flight details had been on bits of cardboard wedged on to a sheet of hardboard.

"Until midnight, we passed the

time playing two games: fending off

drinking since 9am, and repulsing the land to various South Coast resorts. more inquisitive passengers for the 1.30am flight. Suddenly we were checked in at break-neck speed, encouraged to run back through the airport to the departure gate and told to sit anywhere on the plane. Experience had taught us that now we might be playing musical chairs so people needed a clear view of a desfination seat before they could be persuade to swap seats to allow parents and children to sit together.

"We took off at half-past midnight - one hour early. So there had been no chance to load the baggage. Some higgage went on other airlines to Gatwick; ours went to Milan."

If that sort of thing is enough to per-isuade you to holiday at home, you might be tempted to travel by Holidaymaker - a special Saturday service from Scotland and the north of Eng- will oblige.

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last Saturday at 9.30am. Or at least it would have done, if someone had chosen to connect a locomotive to the train. Eventually one was found, but not before we waiting passengers had had nearly an hour clipped from our The subject of motive power is

The first of the summer schedule

departed for Devon from Glasgow

I close to the heart of anyone who rides a tandem. Having spent a fortnight getting used to my new vehicle, I am not yet convinced that every pillion passenger makes the appropriate contribution to pedalling power. So action has been taken, in the form of a sign attached to the machine. If you see a tandem bearing the request "Is she pedalling? Toot if she's not", I hope you

Downhill all the way: the other face of the Alps

By Malcolm Smith

s the summer sunshine melts the last of the snow on the highest pistes of the Schiltalp – above Murren in the Bernese Oberland yellow arnica, little black vanilla orchids, elegant white St Bruno's lily and many more flowers appear. Both the winter snow and the summer flowers have their aficionados. You could, though, be forgiven - if the quantity of ski holiday brochures are anything to go by - for assuming that skiing is overwhelmingly more popular than Alpine walking. Yet in the Austrian Alps the

tourism split is 40 per cent in summer and 60 per cent in winter. In the Swiss Alps, roughly 12 million non-Swiss occupy hotel beds in summer and 9 million in winter.

Skiing is the audacious alpine holiday newcomer. When Dr Paulcke, a German physician, and a young apprentice named Branger - both from the then Swiss summer resort of Davos - bought Finnish skis at the Great Exhibition in Paris in 1889, no one could have guessed what their purchases would lead to.

Within a few decades, the high peaks that had once been the reward of a half day's climb could be skied five times before lunch. But it was not until the 1960s that purpose-built ski resorts attracted mass winter tourism and winter holidays started to rival the summer tourist trade.

Today the Alps have more than 40,000 ski lifts. Austria's runs alone, if joined end to end, would circle the globe.

Building more and more pistes.

plus the attendant cable cars and hotels - and roads, water and electricity supplies to service them - is, according to many conservationists, damaging the fragile alpine environment and jeopardising the summer alpine

tourist industry. Dr Jim Thorsell, Senior Advisor for Natural Heritage at the Geneva-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature, points to the stark contrast between the purpose-built resort of Cervinia in the Italian Alps and Zermatt in Switzerland, each on opposite sides of the Matterhorn.

'Cervinia," says Dr Thorsell, "is architecturally insulting. The slopes have been bulldozed excessively to re-contour them so that, in summer, they look ugly. Large areas are devoid of vegetation and the soil is eroding. Power lines make it even worse."

The developments at Zermatt. on the other hand, are much more sensitive to the local environment. and downhill ski runs haven't done too much damage to the

The Austrians are probably the most concerned about over development. In Voraiberg Province, no new ski developments, nor extensions to existing facilities, are allowed. In Tirol Province, the environmental implications of any developments have to be thoroughly assessed, though there is no ban on new facilities if their impact is minimal. Other Alpine Austrian Provinces have also tightened their downhill

In the Swiss Alps, too, new developments get the go-ahead less often. In the Bernese Oberland, summer tourism is more valuable than ski revenues, so developments which disfigure Alpine vistas are taboo.

Forest felling to create more pistes is not allowed in the better cared for parts of the Alps. Spruce forests are natural avalanche barriers. Where they have been felled, huge sums of money are having to be spent constructing barriers on steep mountainsides to protect villages below.

Cows, complete with bells, still graze the high meadows in summer, yet many former dairy farmers have exchanged cheese making for more lucrative skituition jobs or for running boarding houses and shops in villages lower down the slopes.

In the Swiss Alps, less than 10 per cent of the resident population lives in the mountains. A century ago it was 25 per cent. In the Italian Alps many farms have been

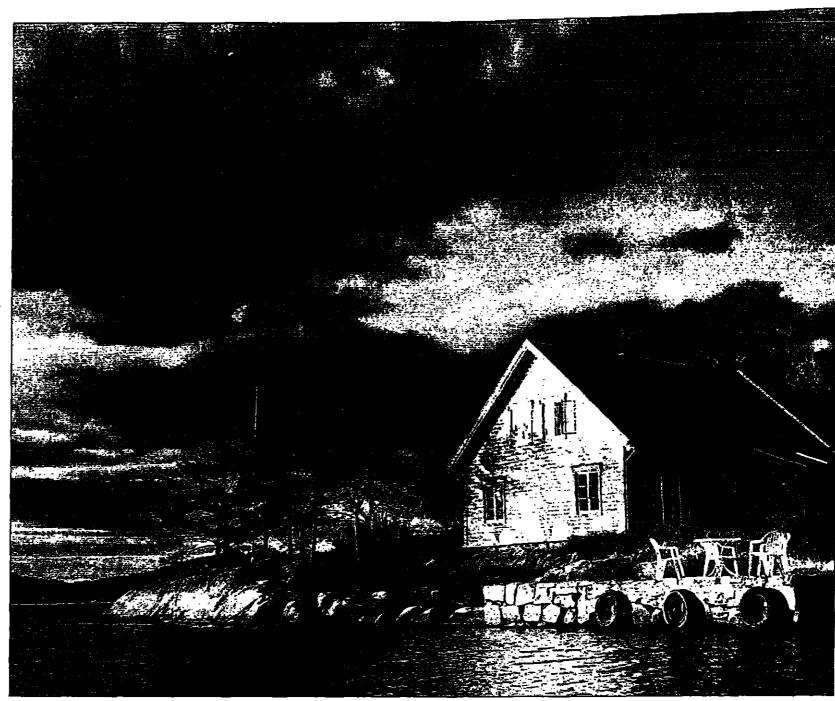
So the traditional Heidi image is under threat. So, too, are the colourful Alpine meadows. Abandoned, many of them lose their superb colours as scrub which grazing formerly kept in check - encroaches. Insects, including many gorgeous butterflies, are also declining. And avalanche risk increases when meadows are abandoned. "Uncut meadows are more slippery, especially in spring when large, wet flow avalanches occur," says Dr Walter Ammann, Head of the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research. "This is because the snow bends the long grass over and can slip off it. Cut meadows have a short vegetation stubble to which the snow grips," he

The highest government subsidies, to help keep farmers up in the mountains, are paid by the Swiss. A 45-hectare Alpine farm (the average size) gets around £20,000 a year. Few farmers would otherwise consider staying on. A similar French Alpine farm might get half that. Little wonder that the village of Tour in the Chamonix Valley now has 30 diary cows (all on the single remaining farm) yet

in the 1940s had 250. In a recent speech, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, Chairman of Alp Action, drew attention to the Alpine Convention, signed in 1991 by the six Alpine states. This recognises a common responsibility for the protection and sustainable development of the Alps. Unless this spirit of cooperation is enhanced, unless Alpine farmers are better supported, and until environmental awareness of the impact of more and more ski facilities by some governments is increased, it isn't only the spectacular Alpine scenery which will suffer. Tourism revenues will plummet faster than a slalom.

A weatherboard cabin by the fiord

When in Norway, do as the Norwegians: head for a summer sea house. By Hilary Peyton



For the rental price of a cabin you often get a boat thrown in - which in Norway's watery environment is a bit like having free car hire

Photo: Hilary Peyton

gave up pointing out our iream hide-aways after a few days. They were everywhere, most of them hidden behind the trees. There was a blue gingerbread cabin set in a glade of rustling birch, perched above a rocky shore I particularly liked. And a rambling old house of othre weatherboard on a narrow inlet. And even one built on an islet no bigger than a tennis court.

a "sea house" for the summer - small cabor on a small island. These cabins can be rented for no more than the price of a country cottage here, often with a boat thrown in. The locations are breathtaking. One lazy Sunday afternoon drinking home-made fig wine with some friendly locals, I asked my friend Petter where he sailed his boat - a traditional yacht moored at the jetty. "Here," he said, looking surprised. "Why go anywhere else?" It was hard to disagree.

I had sailed on a yacht to Norway as crew, and it had been my intention to return immediately by ferry. I had imag-ined the country would be cold, damp and expensive. I came home a month later with very different impressions.

We made our landfall at Stavanger and, These are dotted along the waterside, pretty after a few wet days, sailed south on the advice of local people, to the area between Farsund and Kristiansand on Norway's southern tip. It's a gentler landscape than the fiords further north, and the dimate is more reliable, on a par with south-

The ribboned coastline, with its countless islands and inlets, is stunning, and the island for a day (where it is quite acceptcolours here are a constant marvel. It able to land). Motor boats can be rented It is customary for Norwegians to have must be the clear northern air that gives such a jewel-like intensity. Fields and pasins along the pine-clad slopes of a fiord tures green and gold, distant mountains deepest blue...

Perhaps we were lucky: for most of our stay last June the sun shone throughout the long days. In the early dawn the glassy water bears a perfect, unbroken image of the wooded shores. We would watch fishermen across the fiord sinking catches into the cool water to keep the fish fresh. . Norwegians love their seafood and you can buy it straight from the boats relatively cheaply. Food and drink, though, are gen-

And when people go shopping, for much of the time they go by boat. Indeed, boats are the equivalent of cars in this environment, and boathouses are like garages. of wood and iron, worn with hard use.

old weatherboard buildings, often painted ox-blood red. The traditional boats many of them house are like a throwback to the last century: gleaming with varnish and full of faded nets, flats, crab pots and fish boxes.

On the whole, the inland waters are well sheltered and it's safe to head off with a picnic and choose your own deserted

If you fancy somewhere less remote there are some wonderfully unspoilt villages (20 or so houses around a bay) and small towns to explore. At times these look almost painfully picturesque, but they are saved from being too chocolatebox twee by the rugged landscape surrounding them. Flat space is hard to come by along the waterside and the old houses are built higgledy-piggledy up the rocks, with fretworked eaves and balconies and

tiny sun-trap gardens.
In many of the little towns, the old way erally very expensive - roughly double our of life on both land and sea is detailed in some fascinating local museums. For the most part these are refreshingly unstuffy - not a glass case in sight. There are some wonderful implements on display, made

Then, my particular favourites, there are the sepia-tinted photographs of craggyfaced seafarers - which might encourage you to try your hand at fishing. Even I had some success with £5-worth of basic gear from a hardware store - after watching small boys pull large fish from the harbour waters it seemed silly not to have a go.

If you want to venture further afield, the bus services are excellent and slightly cheaper than ours. There are also frequent ferries between the bigger islands and the mainland. And from Kristiansand you can take a day-trip to Denmark - a cheap shopping jaunt for Norwegians.

The Norwegians themselves were everfriendly and welcoming. They smile a lot, are nice to their children and never seem to lock their bikes. With only about 4m people in a country bigger than ours, I guess all that space makes for a calm life when the sun shines.

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The next time that cheap fares are likely to be widely available is late October and early November. In previous years, Austravel (0171-734 7755) has filled the inbound journeys on the first few flights

Wid-June is traditionally when the best bargains for cheap flights to Anstralia back to the UK on Britannia charters. This pattern is likely to be repeated for 1996. One advantage is that you can choose from a wide range of arrival and departure points in Australia.

> From this week, Scotland becomes closer to Northern Ireland. P&O European Ferries has launched its new Jetliner fast ferry between Cairnryan and Larne, reducing the journey time by more than half to just one hour. The company has a series of day trips based on the new service, with excursions to the Giant's Causeway, Derry and the Mountains of Mourne for £18 each (bookings can be made on

The SeaCat service between Strangaer and Belfast (0345 523523) continues to offer a £15 day return fare for the 90minute trip, but capacity on the route will increase greatly from 7 July - when Stena Line (0990 707070) introduces the HSS inbound journeys on the first few flights fast ferry. A day-trip ticket costs £24 of its charter series by offering a fare of return (increasing to £27 on Saturdays).

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uton becomes the hub of a new European flight network from Wednesday. The new airline Debonair is starting services from the Bedfordshire airport to three European cities. The lowest return fare to each including tax – is shown in brackets: Barcelona (£99), Dusseldorf (£87) and Munich (£107). Other routes are due to start up later in

the summer, which will include Copen-hagen, Madrid and Newcastle. You book direct on a free phone number, 0500 146200, or through a travel agent.

EasyJet (01582 445566) offers connections to Luton from Aberdeen, Edin-£29 each way plus tax.

Villas in Tuscany, Provence and the V Algarve are being rented out to cus-tomers tendering "reasonable offers" to the tour operator, International Chapters (0171-722 0722). The company still has spare fortnights at some large and classy villas, which would normally cost £5,500 to £8,600 and sleep up to 14 people. Prospective tenants for these properties can call International Chapters and make

The one certainty about holidaying with friends is that you never know what will happen. Family dynamics are unstable at the best of times. Multiply them by two or more, mix them up in a new environment toss in all the expectations of a holiday, and you end up with a cocktail so volatile that it should come with a health warning".

In Family Life in Section Two of the Independent on Monday, Hilary Wilce describes the hazards of holidaying en burgh and Glasgow, with fares starting at familles, and suggests ten tips for a harmonious holiday.

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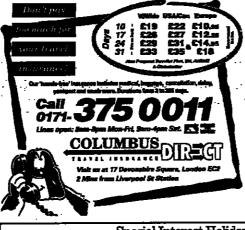
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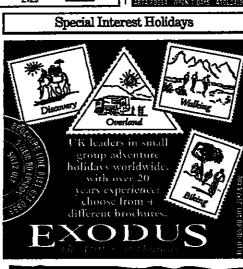
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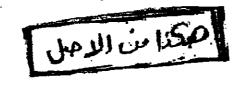
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Ridge over untroubled water: a walk in the Malvern Hills

By Clive Fewins

is grassy sward on the lower slopes of the nine-mile chain of hills, around which six settlements

cling as if glued to the rock.

There are more than 100 miles of paths crisscrossing the Malvern hills. Though steep, the hills are small in area—a total of only about three square miles—which means they are compact, and highly distinctive in out-

As you approach from the Severn vale, the scene is unforgettable: the buildings of Great Malvern, dominated by the magnificent lith-century priory church, hugging the side of the hill that rises steeply behind them.

The Malverns are not only composed of some of the

oldest rock formations in Britain, but they produce some of the purest water in the country, which analysts have consistently found to be virtually mineral-free.

The Malvern Water, said Dr John Wall Is famed for producing just nothing at all

So goes the rhyme about a local man who studied medicine at Oxford and who is credited with being the founder of the "water cure" that brought prosperity and people to the town between 1840 and 1880. In the 1860s, in particular, thousands flocked to Great Malvern on the newly completed railway to take the water cure and walk the hills

They were not as enthusiastic as present-day walkers - who frequently walk the entire ridge in a day and return by bus or taxi - but as part of their cure they took early morning walks after their first treatment and before breakfast. They usually walked to a delightful little spot in the hills called St Ann's Well.

It is still very much in business as a place of refreshment. It lies at the top of a steep climb up a narrow road that is thankfully banned to motor vehicles and is a key point for those ascending the hills from the eastern (Great Malvern) side.

The well house adjoins St Ann's Well café. This is an odd-shaped little building of local stone with a pitch pine-lined interior. It manages to retain a distinctively Edwardian feel despite the wholefood menu (served between April and October) and Irish jig recordings which have replaced the German band that played for the water cure patients.

I parked my car in St Malvern and walked for 10 minutes up the steep St Ann's Road, immediately gaining nearly a third of the 900 feet I was going to have to climb to reach the Worcestershire Beacon, at 1395ft, the highest point in the Malvern chain.

Twenty minutes later, and after a quick coffee at St Ann's Well café, I was on the top. From this point it is

ou don't need an anorak and climbing boots to enjoy the vast open spaces around the Malvern Hills. Much of the 3,000 acres of common land leys, as well as the many well-maintained footpaths means leys, as well as the many well-maintained footpaths means that you can usually see exactly where you are heading for. Navigation is rarely a problem on the Malverns.

The lower slopes include the 170 acres of Malvern Common, with the Three Counties Showground beyond. They provide gentle, after-lunch strolling country for car-borne picnickers. If you are driving try to avoid the sheep, which is difficult at this time of year They wander haphazardly over the open land - and the roads - and give the grass a new-mown look.

If meandering sheep drive you to distraction, head for town. Its genteel atmosphere must, I feel, owe much to the great and the good who came here in its heyday. Elgar, of course, was one of Great Malvern's most famous residents – but not the only musical one. The Victorian soprano Jennie Lind lived for seven years in the 1880s in a house facing the ramparts of The British Camp, the Iron Age encampment that surrounds the summit of the second highest summit in the chain, the Herefordshire Beacon. Other famous names to have stayed frequently in Malvern include Charles Darwin, who underwent the water cure several times, Elizabeth Barrett Browning (whose parents lived nearby), Evelyn Waugh and George Bernard Shaw.

The spa years seem a far cry from today. The nearest equivalent now is the constant flow of visitors who drive long distances to fill up with a week or two week's supply of free drinking water. On the day I visited, people from as far affeld as Bromsgrove and Bristol were filling up lesses plessing on the property. filling up large plastic containers at two of the springs.

You can see several of these springs gushing out of the hillside if you take the splendid panoramic 10-mile drive around the hills. If you do this, be sure to make the short diversion to see the Holy Well, situated in the road of the same name in Malvern Wells. The water there has been bottled since 1662 and Dr Wall erected the first Malvern bath house here in 1757.

If you feel like tea at the end of your drive call at Lady Foley's Tearooms. These are at Great Malvern railway station, splendidly restored after a fire in 1987. The establishment is named after the flamboyant and influential lady of the manor who in the 1850s and 60s was largely responsible for the transformation of the little village into a fashionable town.

Her life - she had her own furnished waiting room on the London-bound platform of the station - is well documented in the plethora of local history books on sale in the town. The fare at the modern-day tearooms may lack the opulence with which her ladyship was familiar but at least it stays open till 6pm seven days a week a rare treat for tea lovers.

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Six of the best places to visit around Malvem

1 Evesham Now relieved of much of its traffic-carrying duties by a bypass, the medieval heart of this market town has the space it deserves. The 12th-century abbey gateway is particularly striking, as are the water meadows. Hungry travellers will be pleased to find that the town boasts the best collection of Balti restaurants outside Birmingham.

2 Hereford The overbearing cathedral appears rather too bulky for the human scale of the surroundings. But it is a real treasure trove, starting with the ancient Mappa Mundi in the brand-new exhibition centre, which opened last month. The cathedral's other great treasure is the Library, which has the largest collection of chained books in the world. The fund of knowledge has been preserved by chaining every one of the 1,444 books.

3 Ledbury A cobbled alley runs up to the church, past the 16th-century Butcher Row House which now houses the town museum. Some exhibits are faintly ridiculous – the first Kodak Instamatic camera, for example -but most are fun. The oddest is the "boot bath". This is a personwas filled with water and trundled from door to door, enabling the poor to dunk

4 Leominster The priory is unique for having three naves one built in each of the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries. As well as being a one-stop study of English church architecture, it features a ducking stool which was last used to immerse a scolding wife in 1809.

5 Much Marcle This village, four miles south-west of Ledbury, is notable for its yew tree (indeed, the index to a pre-war guidebook to Herefordshire ends with the entry "Yews, Notable" and a reference to the village). The churchyard is draped with a vast tree, shouldering the Norman church aside. So big is this ancient yew that a seat has been hewn from its gnarled old trunk. Inside the church yo find some exquisitely decorated tombs.

6 Upton-upon-Severn For travellers, the greatest significance of this pretty riverside town is a store on the High Street: the Map Shop, at number 15. Though its immediate catchment area is not sufficient to sustain the stocks of weird, wonderful and wayward charts, it has a healthy mail-order business (call 01684 593146 for details). The Mappa Mundi is not yet in stock.



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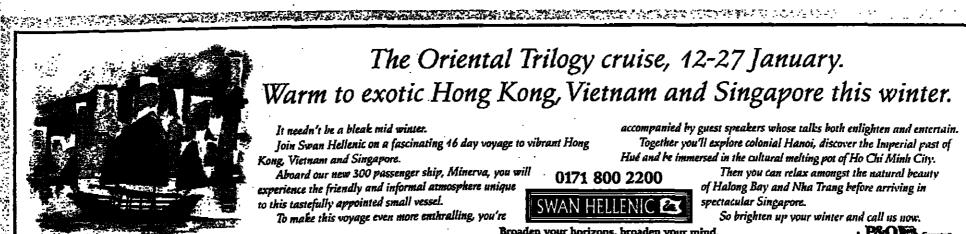
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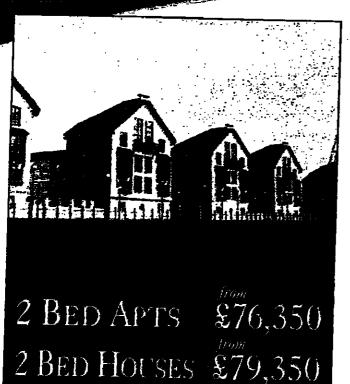
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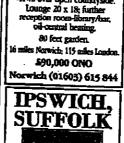
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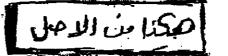
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Would you pay someone to find you a home?

And would it pay you to do so? Two househunters give contrasting views

here are those who simply move house and there others who relocate. Relocation, an Americanism if ever there was one is the sort of term applied to managers who are required to move to different towns, with all the details worked out by their employers.

What happens, however, if you need to move to a different area to

start an entirely new job? There are services that non-company men are prepared to pay for: agents will cut out the hard graft of househunting for a fee. Yet does this really take the pain out of the search, or do you end up paying someone for a job you could do equally well yourself?

Miranda Chalk knows all about the

frustrations of looking for a home. She has had to think hard about where to find her family's summer clothes; it isn't a matter of what cupboard, but which suitcase in whose attic. Since leaving her five-bedroom house in Twickenham she and her family have been camping with friends and relations. She never imagined that eight months after deciding to move to Cirencester for her husband's job, they would still not have their own home.

After her husband, David, moved jobs as a marketing executive, she con-tinued living in Twickenham, househunting at weekends when she and her two sons, Edward and Guy, joined him. Then her parents, who by coincidence had just moved to the Cirencester area, took pity on them. Like many families she knows the strains will begin to tell if they all stay too long under one roof. So her life is one long house-hunt and in this part of the country five-bedroom houses of the sort she is looking

for are in short supply. Mrs Chalk, who used to be the director of a charity, did not want to take on a new job until the family was well dug in. She has since discovered that moving is in itself a full-time occupation. "There isn't time for anything else. I'm either waiting for an estate agent to ring or I'm looking at houses. It's like being on an emotional rollercoaster and it's exhausting keeping the momentum going."

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It seems clear now, she says, that they should have started looking for property in earnest far earlier. But once the decision had been taken to move out of the London area, their though, he did not want to live in Kent.



When the Chalks needed to move, the first consideration was finding a school for Edward and Guy (above). It wasn't a problem, looking for a new home is.

"I thought I had six months, so

started looking by myself in Pimlico,

Greenwich and Blackheath. I was

absolutely exhausted, because there

was no time to do it properly. I was also

nervous about buying because I was panicked into buying a flat in Croydon

eight years ago which I couldn't sell. I bought it for £38,000 and my company

first consideration had been schools. This, more than anything else, provided the focus of their search.

Could Miranda Chalk have done anything that would have smoothed her move? A greater initial sense of urgency may have helped, she feels, but apart from that they have done it by the book. She had considered paying for a homescarch, however given that her difficulties are chiefly those of a shortage of houses in the area, it might not have been of any benefit.

However, for anyone without the inclination to read through wadges of house details, a homesearch agency has its attractions. Tim Donovan, whose work in international relations takes him abroad a good deal, was faced with his office moving out of London to Canterbury. He decided,

was prepared to buy it from me for £22,000. I didn't want to make the PENNY JACKSON same mistake again."

After two months, Mr Donovan, went to a Homesearch Agent, Moving On. They eventually suggested his best option would be a house in Greenwich. "They would go and see about 10 houses a week and take me round two or three. They were good at pointing out little things I might not have noticed. They also found out where the biggest supermarket was and the best route to Canterbury. It made me feel more confident and found a place after a month."

Tim Donovan paid a £500 fee and one and half per cent of his purchase price on completion. "It turned out to be an essential luxury for me," he says. "One of the most sensible things that I have spent my money on."

But what happens if the agent is unable to find the right house? The original registration fee generally covers a three- to four-month search period and it is important to check whether the agency will carry on looking. Some may require a further fee,

but if that is the case it is usually deductible from the final fee. Nicholas Beaumont, director of Moving On, says that he charges only one fee and continues to the bitter end. "As long as you are doing a good job, clients understand if there is nothing suitable coming on to the market. My contract does not specify a period of time and I try to see clients through until they do find something they want."

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Househunter

Pirton Grange, Shillington, Beds



For anyone who wants to put clear water between themselves and the rest of the world, a house with a moat is for sale in Hertfordshire. Pirton Grange, near Shillington, Bedfordshire, is thought to have its origins in the 15th century, and the smoke blackened roof timbers suggest it may once have been a Hall House. It is in need of complete restoration but is unique in that virtually nothing has been altered in the past 100 years. The installation of electricity and a bathroom were the only changes of note. The Hanscombe family let the house in 1878 until 1952, when it was bought by the tenants. It has about two acres of grounds with a gatchouse, old bake house and dairy. It will be sold at auction on 12 July. and is expected to go for well over £200,000. Agents are Jackson-Stops & Staff (0171-589 4536).

For what it's worth

The growth in rented accommodation lover the past few years has seen a mushrooming of letting agents, not all of whom are well versed in the complexities of regulations and tenancy agreements. What do you do, for example, if as a landlord your house is trashed by the tenants, or as a tenant your landlord refuses to hand over the deposit at the end of the tenancy? If the agent is a member of the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) you can at least use their arbitration service.

At the association's annual conference last week, members were told about new competency tests they will have to undergo by the end of the decade. Malcolm Harrison, of ARLA, said the public wanted to use people with recognised qualifications. "The landlord has to be happy because we are dealing with his prized possession, and tenants must be happy because they need to know if things go wrong in their home they will be put

A"green" heating system could be on the cards for someone hesitating over the extra cost of an energy-saving boiler. Anyone installing a condensing boiler before the end of November can claim £100 from the Energy Saving Trust, a nonprofit making environmental organisation. Cashback hotline: 0345 023005.

A comfortable living from bricks. mortar, bacon and eggs

At least that's how the Hoskins found the B&B experience. By Peter Lis



riginally, we said we couldn't advertising and insurance costs to be take blokes with earnings but, as budgeted for along with daily expenditake blokes with earnings but, as it turns out, we've had all sorts, from bikers to backpackers." Four years after taking the decision to relocate from Croydon to Buxton in Derbyshire, Alex and Patti Hoskin are living the middle England dream of running their own bed and breakfast house in one of Britain's most picturesque regions.

Both are former teachers: Patti was a lecturer in Human Development for 10 years and Alex retired last July after 20 years in education, the last 11 as a

"It's an old cliché: we both wanted an alternative way of earning money so that we could escape the rat race. We were fed up with seeing concrete all the way from Croydon to Enfield, and taking 30 minutes to travel three miles. We chose Buxton primarily because we the kids had left home we would be able to go into business." we were perceived as being at the upper end of the market."

The conversion from family home to best part of £10,000 and three years' disruption to accomplish. In addition, there and location. are substantial on-going maintenance,

ture on food, cleaning and laundry bills. "The English Tourist Board was immensely helpful. They took us through all the planning regulations and other start-up routines as well as telling us that it takes on average four

years to achieve a reasonable turnover."

Undeterred, the Hoskins opened Stoneridge for business on Patti's birthday in May 1995 and, thanks in part to last year's long hot summer, they are set to be in profit after only one year's trading.

But surely it's a daunting prospect, opening your house to complete

opening your house to complete strangers every evening?

"We've been pleasantly surprised. Having had no previous experience, we set out to create the kind of place that we would want to stay in ourselves warmth and comfort were our priorities as well as making people feel welenjoy walking in the countryside but come. Once we got going it came as also with the idea that once the last of something of a surprise to discover that

As any estate agent will tell you, the business premises eventually cost the key factors in selecting a property for the B&B business are location, location

"The sign outside has paid for itself

10 times over," says Patti. "And it helps that we've got the opera house just information office was the main source for most of our initial bookings. Nowadays, we are starting to get repeat business and word of mouth recommendations by previous customers are

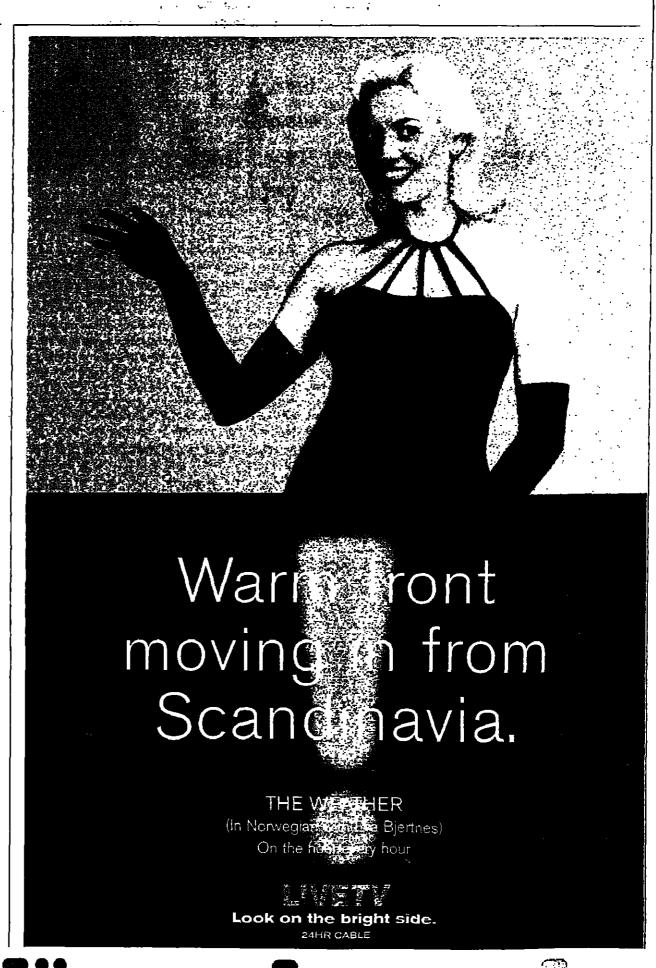
beginning to have an impact."
With the benefit of a year's experience and another scorching period in prospect this summer, the idea of mak-ing a comfortable living from the unlikely combination of bricks and mortar and bacon and eggs is one to relish. "Although we are tied to the house for the majority of the day, I don't find it stressful," says Patti, "If anything, a

little more mental stimulation wouldn't Alex adds: "At the beginning I found myself walking round the town, looking at the tourists and thinking, Why aren't you staying with us? Now we

know not to panic when we have a slow

week. It all evens out over the year.

For enquiries about setting up a B&B contact your regional tourist board. Patti and Alex Hoskin's B&B is at Stoneridge, Park Road, Buxton. Derbyshire (01298 25120)



The simplest and most infallible recipe for making money from the stock market remains having a lot to invest in the first place and living a long time

rowth stocks or value stocks? Which are the better bet for making money lover the medium to longer term? The debate has been going on for years, but there is no doubt which side is now ahead on points. In America, where they debate do here, the value school of investors – those who look for companies selling at bargain prices – has declared victory. A key piece of evidence that is now bandled about on Wall Street is some research by a well-known US academic, Eugene Fama. His research, reported in the aca-demic Journal of Finance in 1992, found clear evidence that buying shares which were trading at a low multiple of their earnings or book value (the latter is what we in the UK tend to call balance-sheet net worth) was a proven way of making money over time. Glamour stocks, by contrast, those with fancy ratings, have been shown to produce less dramatic returns and often underperform the stock market over time.

The reason is that, however good the companies with the fancy ratings may be, there is a limit to how much money investors can make from them once the prices have soared so far ahead of the reality. Read the academics' papers and the evidence seems pretty conclusive.

Needless to say, the proponents of growth stocks have been fighting back as well. They now point to some research by another American academic, Jeremy Siegel of Wharton, who found that everything depends on the time frame you look these issues far more seriously than we at. His study looked back at one of the most notorious bull-market phases in Wall Street's history, the early 1970s, when companies of all sizes traded at what, in retrospect, quickly appeared to be ludicrous multiples of earnings and asset value. This was the era of the Nifty

Fifty, when even the mighty IBM was selling at 30 or 40 times its earnings.
Yet, calculated Siegel, if you had bought all 50 stocks at their peak in December 1972, you would still have outperformed the market as a whole in the subsequent 20 years. It is striking further proof, if you need it, that you can prove almost anything you want with statistics merely by picking the right start and end date. The plain man's conclusion in this is obvious. It is the common sense one that no method of stockpicking works infallibly all the time, and that trying to turn a theory into successful investment practice is much harder than it looks on paper. Usually it takes quite a long time

Jonathan Davis



Investments

it is time to stop. The simplest and most infallible recipe for making money from the stock market remains having a lot to invest in the first place and living a long time. Meet those two criteria and it is a piece of cake, whatever the academics

Collowing my recent pieces about the likely impact of a Labour victory on the financial markets, I see that even the Spectator has now prudently decided to commission an article examining how to get it right - and even then you have investors might make money under a to know when the world has changed and Blair government. Their pundit, Mark

he Government's plan for a

partnership with insurance

companies to promote insur-ance policies to pay for longterm care and help pensioners protect their homes from being

sold is getting a general thumbs-down from the insurance industry, the pen-

little left to play for in the stock market ahead of the next election, but reckons (like Stephen Lewis, whom I also quoted recently) that buying gilts at 9 per cent on the eve of the poll could well turn out

to be a shrewd move. The premise is that if Labour wins, Gordon Brown will want to make his first Budget as tough as possible, to get the hard decisions out of the way early and to establish Labour's anti-inflationary credibility with the bond markets. This was hardly high on past Labour govern-ments' agendas, but in today's closely integrated economic world, is now a sine qua non for any wannabe successful modern political party.

Recent experience in Italy, where the bond market has rallied since the left-ofcentre coalition's election win, shows that the traditional mantra about Labour victories - bad for gilts, not so bad for equities - may not hold quite so well this

time round. The last two Labour governments were catastrophic for holders of gilts, producing substantial real losses. But now, says Archer, bonds may well out-perform equities after the 1997 election. That is certainly possible, but I wouldn't

Archer, a director of Baring Asset Management, shares my view that there is be quite that simple, and if Lubour wins, there is no guarantee that it will be either competent enough or determined enough to fulfil all its good intentions. Only the most fervent believe that the world has changed utterly and for good, and few doubt that there will have to be at least a couple of runs at sterling before Mr Blair has finished getting his

furniture in place at Number 10.
But all this does underline the point that a Labour victory is already quite well priced into the markets. For those who prefer the wisdom of a Wall Street trader to the thoughts of a pukka merchant banker, there is also the additional evidence of the length of eigurette butts in London. They are getting shorter - an infallible leading indicator, said Victor Niederhoffer on his recent flying visit to the UK, of an impending Labour victory.

This is far more compelling evidence. but don't forget that it was only a year or so ago that everyone was saying that Bill Clinton had no hope of being reelected. Now it is impossible to get decent odds against him doing so. Common sense and conventional wisdom may already be discounting the result of the next election, but the value bets are still to be found on the other side.

A small, faltering step for the elderly

Government plans for a partnership with insurers to pay for long-term care have not been well received



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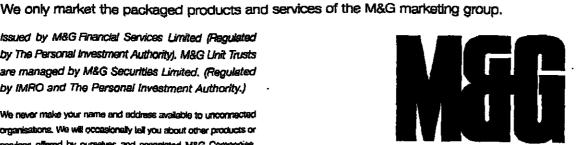
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sioners' lobby in the shape of Age Concern, and professionals in the industry represented by the Continu-ing Care Conference. The deadline for comments on the consultation document expired yesited period of time if they need to go terday. The general view is that the docinto a residential home or nursing ument is a step in the right direction, but the proposals as they stand are not generous enough and will appeal only they bought.

to a narrow slice of the market, mainly those with assets of less than £75,000. they would be able to claim state sup-According to the Continuing Care Conference, the action group for the long-term care industry, they also place too much emphasis on protecting assets and not enough on the equally important issues of ensuring there are enough homes to meet the demand for care or that local authorities will have sufficient funds to pro-

needed throughout the country. osals will create a "fast track" to longinsurance, and further disadvantage those who rely wholly on state help. The proposals also fail to address the problem of providing financial help to encourage elderly people to stay in

their own homes. The average cost of residential care ranges from about £15,000 a year in the North to £20,000 a year in the Southeast, and nursing care can add an extra £5,000 a year. Most people needing care will have a pension but typically will need another £10,000 a year to pay for care, even without little luxuries.

A man of 60 can buy a policy from to get £10,000 worth of cover a year (indexed to provide an extra 5 per cent a year to cover the expected rise in is not the only issue. The definition of annual costs). It will pay out once he for looking after himself at home. A women would have to pay £16,472 or £77.70 a month and premiums needed to take out a policy rise with age to £9,346 or £86.10 a month for a man of 70 and £17,989 or £113.80 a month for a woman.

The Government's consultation posed that anyone who takes out a

home can protect £1.50 worth of assets for every £1 worth of insurance Once their insurance is exhausted

port at an earlier stage than at present, enabling them, for example, to protect their home from having to be sold to pay for care. According to CCC, the cost of buying £10,000 worth of cover for 27 months would be 36 per cent cheaper than a commercial policy, and also protect £50,000 worth of assets from being sold, but the savings diminvide a consistent quality of care ish as the amount protected increases.

If the Government ignores these attractive only to individuals with assets issues there is a real risk that the pro- under £75,000, says CCC. Giving £2 worth of protection for each £1 of insurterm care for elderly people funded by ance would offer savings of 25 per cent which would be more relevant to people in South-east England.

£1 insured for individuals after four years is attractive to no one, and if this time-related option is pursued the £15,000 protection should be £45,000 bought should apply in this case. and the support should cut in after three years. Scottish Provident also endorses a

plan for £2 of protection for each £1 of insurance. Alternatively it wants a time-limited plan which will allow any-Commercial Union now, paying a sin-gle premium of £8,855 or £62 a month of care in full to exempt all remainone who insures for three to four years ing assets from claims. But the amount of cover permitted

who is eligible for residential and nursfails three of the six recognised tests ing care also needs to be standardised, or there is a real danger of disputes over when claims can be made. There is an equal danger that if local

claim protected assets ring-fenced

under the partnership plan they will reduce the standard of care they can they agree to finance care. long-term care insurance plan which pays a set amount of money for a limiter of partnership plans and a national consensus for action.

approval system in order to create the degree of consumer confidence needed

in such a sensitive area.

Since the great majority of people who would find partnership insurance attractive have most of their money tied up in their homes, they will also need to take out equity release schemes which allow them to obtain the cost of the insurance premiums by taking out a new mortgage on their homes. The loan is only repaid when the pensioner needing care and any surviving spouse are both dead and the house is sold.

Respectable equity release schemes already exist but income withdrawal plans designed to generate extra income from house values in the Eighties had a chequered history. Stalwart, one of the specialist companies which offer equity release, has told the Government that pensioners will need maximum reassurance that any new schemes are safe and represent value for money. Stalwart also insists the Government will have to ensure that tax relief is available on such remortgages, however long they last, and that the annuity bought with the proceeds qualifies for full tax relief, which under It means the Government scheme is present rules it might not.

Individuals who have not been able to purchase partnership schemes should also be allowed to purchase "immediate needs" annuities which and shelter assets up to £100,000, start paying out at once, although in order to provide an incentive for taking out long-term care insurance early The Government's second option of protecting only £15,000 plus £1 for immediate needs annuities should be less than the recommended £2 for £1. CCC suggests the £1.50 worth of protection for each £1 of insurance

> One essential element in whatever plans are finally agreed is, however, likely to be in short supply. Stalwart insists the essential ingredient is simplicity. The industry still has some way to go in making the advantages of the plans comprehensible to the layman.

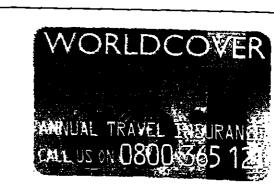
There is no doubt the need for longterm care is growing inexorably and the Government's willingness to finance it out of public money is shrinking visibly. The Labour Party is unlikely to come to the rescue of the growing army of elderly people who find themselves too well off to claim state benefit in full and too poor to pay authorities are not fully reimbursed by for care out of their pensions. Only the Government for their inability to one person in five currently needs to go into a home and if the proposed partnership insurance plans do not look attractive they are unlikely to document published on 7 May prowill not buy them. More work is needed, and quickly, to establish a

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Open season for pickpockets and credit-card thieves

Don't get turned over at the turnstiles or accosted on the costas. By Tom Tickell



boever emerges as the champion for Euro 96, credit card thieves will almost certainly be the other great winners over the next few weeks. For thieves it means the traditional summer holiday peak has started early.

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The first pickings are already coming in as hordes of supporters fight their way in and out of the stadiums and then battle their way home on public transport. That is where the professional gangs appear.

In the evening, supporters will be celebrating a magnificent victory or drowning their sorrows, and will be half-cut lambs for the slaughter.

Spain topped the league of card, details and do all cancellations for any But even if penalties do not theft, with 87 per cent of missing you.

apply, you still have to survive theft, with 87 per cent of missing you. cards turning out to have been Card Protection Plan. Barcelons was the riskiest city, followed by Florence, Madrid, Prague and Moscow.

When people notice cards have five. gone missing they often believe they have left them in their hotel and that they will turn up somewhere. That drives the giant issuers like the banks and building societies to despair. Barclaycard claims that one customer in four does not get round to reporting that his or her card has been swift cancellation of all cards at stolen until at least 24 hours after risk, and both CPP and Sentinel noticing it has gone. Inevitably thieves run up most of their fraudulent spending within the first 48 hours.

Millions of people nowadays have more than one credit card. to crime elsewhere, however, The spate of low-cost American cards from the likes of MBNA and People's Bank, charging per- impose lower "floor limits" so haps two-thirds of the monthly

interest rates that Access and Barclaycard demand on unpaid balances, means the numbers are rising rapidly.

Apart from a multiplicity of credit cards there are debit cards and cheque guarantee cards (where they are not combined), store cards, charge cards and company cards as well, almost always stored together in the same wallet or bandbag.

If they are stolen, there are, in each case, freephone numbers to ring to report the loss of each one, provided you can remember them or have them safe at home.

the time or the temperament to keep track of their own details can delegate the responsibility, for a Cards also traditionally get lost, fee. Two groups - Card Protection or stolen on holiday. Last year Plan and Sentinel - will store all the card itself." -

They will also store numbers stolen, followed by the Czech for motor insurance, house and Republic, Portugal and Italy, contents cover and the copies of according to specialist insurers the contracts themselves if need for a year to cover all the credit cards in a household, with £21 for

CPP will levy an annual fee of £8 for someone on their own and twinkle; not in a scientist's but a £13 for a couple. People can choose between them but usually they buy them through a bank or credit card group, which will only offer one or the other.

ensure their own freephone numbers appear on key rings, plastic then decide whether the card and cards to be kept at home and lug-

credit-card fraud is only half what it was five years ago. Banks now that cashiers have to check with

the card companies' central computers that a particular card is valid for transactions worth, say, £50 and not £100. The process takes a couple of seconds

That has certainly cut crime in stores and the supermarkets. Meanwhile, service stations can lock into a computer base - and get an answer in a couple of seconds on whether cards have been

But card issuers still lost over £83.3m through card fraud last year - and 1.6 million credit cards went missing. In theory you have to pay the first £25 or £50 of any Cardholders who do not have loss depending on the issuer, but charges are not imposed unless you are extremely slow in reporting losses or do something as crass as writing your PIN number on

without cards, and that is no fun if you are travelling around on business or pleasure.

More could be done to cut use of stolen cards, but British citizens are extremely reluctant to a three-year contract and £38 for submit to having their pictures taken. The ultimate form of card security may however just be a customer's eye.

The iris in your eye may only be one of five colours, but the dots and patterns within it are unique. Ultimately the idea is that people A single call will trigger the using cards would look into a machine connected directly to a database and type in their PIN numbers. The machine would iris pattern went together.

All that is some way ahead and in the meanwhile life and theft continue.

> CPP's treephone number is 0800 330000, Sentinel can be contacted on 0800 414717



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nvestors still have until 24 June to register with a share shop and qualify for the second instalment - also special incentives when they buy shares in British Energy next month. With a postal strike in prospect, registering by phone might be prudent. The offer opens on 26 June, when the full price is also published, and closes at noon on 10 July. Just over 1.1 million investors had registered by 12 June, slightly more than Railtrack at the same stage,

build-up will last a week less... The first payment will be 100p a share for all investors, and the minimum application will be for 300 shares at £300. Investors who register and apply through a share shop

although the British Energy

discount of 10p a share on the expected to be around 100p which will be payable on 16 September next year, or a free one-for-15 bonus issue of shares at the end of July 1999.

The discount applies only to the first 1,200 shares bought and held until the second instalment is due. The bonus offer applies to the first 1,800 shares bought and held until July 1999. An interim dividend of 4.6p share net of tax will be paid in January 1997 followed by a

payable in July 1997. Birmingham Midshires has launched three new Elsas (equity-linked savings accounts). One guarantees the return of

final dividend of 9.1p a share

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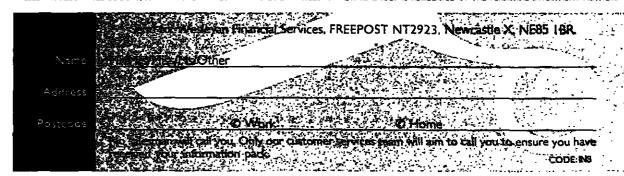
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Gennady Zyuganov wins

The West has largely watched while the old has collapsed, creating masrunaway inflation, while living standards for most of plunged to Third World

levels and below. Only a tiny proportion of they were a decade ago. Russia has also been isolated diplomatically while its former satellites in eastern Europe have been encouraged to move under the military wing of Nato and the economic umbrella of the European Community.

If Mr Zyuganov wins, and he might well do so, he is unlikely to pose as a kind of cuddly Social Democrat. like the reformed Communists who have already returned to power and influence in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Repub-lic in the wake of disappointment with the progress

of economic reform. Neither can he expect much sympathy and help from the Group of Seven or the IMF and World Bank, who have been heavily backing Boris Yeltsin's campaign for re-election by feeding in financial aid to help reduce the Russian government's public deficit. hold down inflation and reflate the banking system.

ernment are yielding 130 only 2 per cent a month.

The withdrawal of this A cynic might say the Western world will only have itself to blame if will aggravate the crisis for M. Russia, encourage Mr the Russian presidential Zyuganov to reimpose conelection and tries to reim- trols and add to the turmoil pose a framework of state which a change of governcontrol on the Russian ment is bound to create in the ranks of the apparatchiks who now control the Kremlin. That could, in Soviet system of planned turn, provoke a military production and distribution coup, something the world has been spared since the sive unemployment and downfall of the Soviet system.

In the circumstances the population have those Western investors who have invested in Russia since the downfall of the Communists will be shaking the population, most of in their shoes. But hope them speculators and crim-inals, are better off than & Colonial, arguably Landon's leading experts on investment opportunities in emerging markets, have an investment vehicle, Rusco, ready to launch at a moment's notice if the outcome of the election is favourable and president Yeltsin wins the run-off

next month. It will invest mainly in second-line companies, especially those known to its Indian-based partner. the Sun Group, which has 40 years experience of doing business in Russia.

F&C is not exactly touting for small investor business. The minimum subscription will be \$25,000, it will only trade the shares weekly and 20 days' notice is required for selling orders to reflect the illiquidity of the Russian stock market. Redemptions will also be limited to 5 per cent of the fund.

However, the fund manager, Scott Delman, expects a feeding frenzy if Yeltsin wins and some of the Russ-Clearly something strange ian bulls are talking of a 500 is going on in Russia at the per cent profit in the next moment, at a time when two years. In particular, short-term rouble bills funds which have made issued by the Russian gov- money in Poland and Hungary are expected to switch per cent while inflation is to Russia in the hope of making a killing.

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£200,000 worth of trouble

George Snow's worst mistake was getting heavily into debt to equip a showpiece studio that soon became obsolete. He talked to Corinne Simcock

George Snow, 47, is an award-winning graphic designer, television director and video artist. After being expelled from Hornsey Art College in 1970 for striking the head of department, his career began working for Oz magazine and a number of other underground publications. Today he is a partner of the Society of Workers in the Incandescent Media (SWIM) – which designs Worldwide Wcb sites on the Internet

the 1980s my first computer was a little Sinclair which cost around £100. I was so thrilled with my new toy and the fact that I could actually program it that within two months I had gone to my bank and asked for a £4,000 loan to buy a bigger and bet-

ter machine. Before long I was totally obsessed with writing programs. I started buying all sorts of add-ons so that I could do colour graphics and pretty soon I was sufficiently good that no one could understand what I was doing.

At that point I decided to become a video director and put all my snazzy software ideas to good use. I was very fortunate in that I became successful very quickly. The more successful I became, the more money 1 was paid, and soon it was time to expand my working environment.

I bought more computers, more video machines, more sound equipment and so on. I was very comfortably off, the work was coming in thick and fast, and my reputation was getting better and better.

The total cost of the equipment was around £200,000. I paid about a third of it from my profits and the rest was raised by increasing my mortgage and taking out bank

loans and overdrafts. But suddenly, in the early Nineties almost as if somebody had switched off the lights - interest rates went through the roof

and simultaneously my work just evaporated. To cao it all, the wonderful working environment which I had created began to go wrong. The machines needed servicing; they became less and less functional as time went on, and by about 1994 I found myself with a one function: a vision mixer which only studio full of obsolete equipment and a lot

My accountant had told me I would get 10 per cent depreciation on capital expenditure correct software can replace all of that dedover the year, but in fact both the Inland Revenue and accountant knew something I didn't, which was that all of that stuff goes out of date or loses value dramatically.

My broadcast video equipment actually



orge Snow: "My repayments rose dramatically, I was in big trouble"

depreciated by 50 per cent a year. I had a vision mixer which cost £16,000 and an edit controller which cost £12,000, but when I went along to second-hand equipment dealers they just laughed at me. "You can't be serious," said one. "Nobody wants that sort of stuff; you can't even sell it in Iran or Algeria."

It will take me until the year 2003 to pay for equipment which is now worse than useless, because I can't even give it away.

The first lesson to learn is that you should never buy what is known as a "turn-key" system, in other words, a system which only has mixes vision images, or a sound console which nly mixes sound.

Today, just one capable computer with the icated hardware. So whenever I have to invest in more equipment, I make sure it can do a range of tasks.

In those days, there weren't so many choices. Everyone was terribly impressed

when they saw my studio in the late Eighties, but if I had had more sense I would have hired its equipment rather than bought it.

It was all right to borrow as much as I liked on my rising income, but as soon as my income fell and my repayments rose dra-matically, I was in big trouble. My mortgage alone had risen to £2,700 a month, and for two people this is a hell of a lot of money to find, but on top of that I was paying £875 a month for a business loan.

The upshot is that although interest rates eventually came down and my mortgage, dropped to £1,700 a month, the only sensible thing to do was to sell the house in London and buy a flat elsewhere.

If I'd been sensible and sunk my money into the house, I would have had a much greater degree of security. On the other hand, that would have been boring. I can't honestly say I have any regrets, but I certainly wouldn't advise anyone else to make the same

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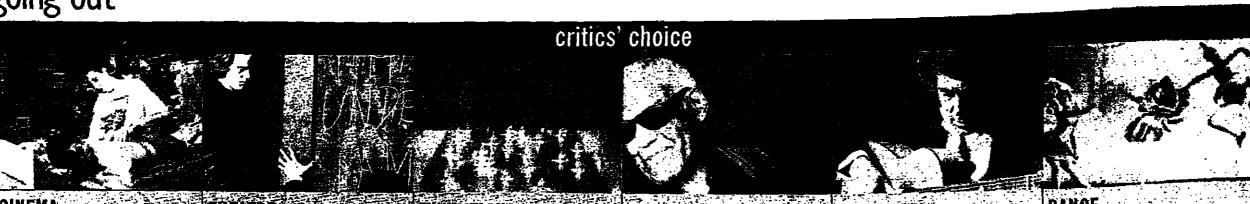
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Salishary: Antiquarian books and maps. Including a first edution of Mrs Beston in the original parts, an erotic prant by John Lemon, Wednesday (11am). Woolfey & Wallis, 51-61 Castle Street (01722-411422).

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Antiques Trade Guzete (0171-030-057). Government Auction News (0771-353-750). Fix.-U-Back Holline 0130-421480.

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Arts and entertainment listings

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LE CONFESSIONAL (15) Indicate thriller.
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CRL 6 (18) Spile Lee's phone set story. Plans 1.40, 4.05, 6.25, 8.45; Warner West End 1.30, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10, 11.45 (Sun) THE GROTESQUE (18) Mystery starring Alan Bates. Shuftesbury Ave MGM 2.40, 5.55, 8.40 HERF (15) Cop classe stars At Pacino and Robert De Niro, Warner West End 8.20, 11.50 MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG) Stars Rich Druyfuss. Odean Mexicanne, Leic Sq 525, 825 BOW TO MAKE AM AMERICAN QUAT (15) Love triangle channa stars Wintom Ryder. Barblean Cincron 6.15, 8.40; Empire Leic Sq. 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.30 (Sar)
THE JARON (18) Starring Demi Moore. Tro-cades MGM 1.00, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10

RUSS (18) Controversial look at youth cul-ture. Pantom St MGM 1.20, 4.00, 6.30, 8.50 LAST OF THE DOLMER (PG) Tem Benniger discovers a forgotion tribe. Treasden MGM 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9.00, 12midnight (Sat); Odean Mezawire 1.15, 5.35, 6.10, 8.40 Panton St MGM 1.25, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40

WIPPET TREASURE ISLAND (U) Puppet pirate comedy. Chebra MGM 1,05, 3,10; Trocadero MGM 12,10, 2,15, 4,15; Warner West End 12,40, 2,50 NOW AND THEN (PG) Childhood (Inshback

MOW AND TREM (PG) Childhood Brekhock drams stars Demi Mesone: Chelser MGM 1.35, 4.15, 7.00: Odenr West End, Leic Sq 1.25, 3.45, 6.25, 8.45 B. POSTNO (15) Sentimental love story. Proton St MGM 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40; MGM Swiss Centre 1.35, 4.05, 6.30, 8.50 PRIMAL FERR (18) Countroom drams star-ring Richard Gere. Empire Leic Sq. 12.20, 3.00, 5.40, 8.25, 11.20 (Satt; Breeadero MGM 6.10, 9.00. (Employed) (Sat)

6.10, 9.00, 12midnight (Sar) RICHARD III (15) Inn McKellen stars, Cur-zon Phoenix 1.45 (not Sun), 4.00, 6.15, 8.30

SECRETS AND LIES (15) Miles Leigh's Palme d'Or wigner. Harmarket MGM 1.25, 440, 7.55; Fou Cn Rd MGM 2.10, 6.10, 9.10; Warner West End 12novn, 250, 5.40, 8.40 SERSE AND SERSERITY (U) Emma Thompson's adaptation of Jane Austen. Barbean Cincina 6,70 (not Sun), 8,40; Odeon Memanute, Lese Sa 2 Rt 5 Nt 8.25 SHORE (15) Episodic drama in New Yo Shafteshary Are MGM 2.10, 5.25, 8.15 Statischury Are MGM 2.10, 5.25, 8,15
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TRANSPOTTING (18) Drug drama. Hayman lat MGM 1.55, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50; Namer New End 1250, 376, 505, 7.10, 9.20, 11.50 TWELFE MORREYS [15] Terry Gillam's Intest. Proceedilly MGM 21/0, 5.00, 8.10; Warner-Hest End 12.10, 250, 5.30, 8.20, 11.10 THE DEATHS (18) Nicolas Roeg's latest drama start Michael Gombon, Chrom High End 1.40 (pot Sun), 3.55, 6.10, 8.30 End 1-90 (600 Smit), 3-55, 6.10, 8-59 W CLOSE & PERSONNI, 155 Lore Stary Stars Robert Redderd and Michelle Pierfler, Odern Lev Sy 12:07 (not San), 2-85, 5-35, 8-30 VARIETIE IN BROOMUNT (15) Connedy stars Eddie Murphy, Pierra 1.25, 3.45, 6.15, 8-40

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THEATRE

West End Choice Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: The, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sut

CALAMITY INTE Genana Craven and Stephen McGann in the lamity Wild West musical. Sodler's Wells Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-

2788916) ◆ Angel Last perform 230 & 730, £7.50-£25, 155 mins. CSAPTE TWO
Then Cred and Sparon Cless fail foul of a matchmaker in Neil Simon's councily.
Gichard Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171–494 505) © Piccodilly Cress, Mon-Fri 8.00, Sat 8.15, [5] 3.00, [7] 5.00, booking until 13 July. 810.50-624. 150 mins.

COSTRICTOR DOORS Angela Thome in Ayckbourn's connedy thriller, Servy Strand, WCZ (0171-836 8888) & Char X. Mon-Sat 7.30, [4][7] 3.00, £12-£24, 160 mins.

COMPANY Sam Mendes' revival of Sondheim's musica Albert St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) ◆ Leic Sq. Mon-Set 7.45, [4][7] 3.00, ends 29 kmc. £12-£30, restricted view £5. 160 mins.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SRAKESPEAKE (ARKINGEN)
By the Reduced Stakespeare Company,
Crienian Plecadilly Circus, WI (0171-369
1747) © Picc Circ. Wed-Sar R.DD, [5] 3.00, [7]
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Mennaid Prodile Dock, ECA (0171-236 2211)
6/BR: Blacktrians. The-Stat 7.30, [7] 3.00,
ends 20 July, £9.50.£18.50, comes available.

Numeric Corpus

Sim Brondbent in Alum Bennett's farce.

Downers Warehouse Eartham Street. WC2

(0)171-094 (1732) 9- Lies Sq. Mon-Sat 8,00,

[S][7] 4,00, ends 27 July. £12-£18. 1,35 mins. Peter Half's revival of his 1992 production.

Cle Vis Waterloon Road, SEI (1971-928 6655)

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3.00, mols 27 July, £6-£24, 165 mins.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS
Stephen Deldry's widely-acclaimed production of 18 Priestley's thriller. Genrick Charing Cross Road, WCZ (0171-494 2083) & Lee Sq. Moo-Fn 7.45, Sat 8.15, [4] 2.30, [7] 5.00, 89-624.50, 110 mins.

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Today 200 & 7.15. 165 mins.
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Simon Russell Beale stars in Matthew Francis' production of Stopopard's comedy.
Ioday 2.15 & 7.30. 135 mins.
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The During Of The Shrew Josic Lawrence Statespear's battle-of-the-seas comedy.
Last perfs today 2.00 & 7.15. 165 mins.
The Pic
The Rainese Vanbrugh's boisterous Restoration countedy is directed by Last Judge.
Last perfs today 2.00 & 7.15. 180 mins.
Bathican Theatre & C.45.0. The Pic \$10£17. Barbican Centre, ECC (0171-638 8991)

& Barbican/Moorgate.
PASSION

PROSERT Historical Ball and Maria Priedman star in Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's award-winning musical. Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590/cc 344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sai 8.00, [4][7] 3.00, £13.90.£30, £35 miss.

Noel Coward's manital cornedy.

Lyric Harrames mith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. 15 June, 2.30 & 7.30, £7.50-£17.50. 136 mins.

TAP DOES
Rawtap spectacle from Olivier Awardwinning choreographer Dein Perty.
Lynic Stanlesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494
5045) & Pice Circ. Mon-Tim 8.00, Fri & Sat
6.00 & 8.45, each 29 June, 85-622-50, 90 mins.

O.D. o. 8.40, exos. 39 June, 13-12.23 M. unus THE TEMPEST Denis Quilley as Prospero in Patrick Gardand's production of Shahespeare. Open Air Regent's Pack, NW1 (0171-496 203 Mee 486 1953) & Balter St. Today, 230 & 8.00, in rep used 4 Sep. 27.50-218.50, 150 mins. BARCLESS NEW STAGES: THE TRICK IS TO

MEEP BREATING
Michael Boyd's adaptation of Janice
Calloway's novel about a bireswed woman.
Royal Court Stonne Sq. SW1 (0171-730 1745)

O Stonne Sq. Last performance tonight 7-30,
£S-£15, cones available. [80 mins.

TWELVE JUNEARY MEN Reginald Rose's Fibies countroon drams, Cornedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) © Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45, [4] 2.30, [7] 4.00,£10-£24, 130 mirs.

Beyond the West End

BUSE TREATE
Who Shall Be Bappy. 7 Theyor Criffiths
directs his raw drams set during the Freach
Revolution. Mon-Sal Spur, ends 29 June.
29.50, concs fri. Shepherd's Bush Green,
W12 (0181-743 1388) & Shepherd's Bush.

WIZURA: - A3 1885) & Shepherd's Bush.
GATE THEATHE
Phastral Low The Grock myth is reset in the
unfeeling '90s by concoversial young
playwright Straft Rane. Last performance
tought, 7.30pm, £10, conc. £6. Pershridge Rd,
WI (0171-229 0706) & Norting Hall Gate.
RANDSTEAD THEATHE

Song at Sunset Tapes recorded by Sean O'Casty and his life are the inspiration for Niall Biogy's one-man show. Mon-Sat Spm. mats Sat 4pm. ends 22 June. 66-612, comes available. Avenue Road, NW3 (0171-722, 9301) & Swiss Cottage.

PIRC STUDIO

Beel Blovie Godfrey Hamilton's solo play about gay love and bereasement stars Mark Finkosh. Mon-Sat Spot. mats Sat 4-30pm, ends 22 June. E7-50, Mon-& cones 25, King St. W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith.

ORANGE TREE TREATRE
The Power of the Dag Sam Wafters directs
Ellen Dryden's play about the effects of one
generation on souther. Last performances
today, 4pm & 7.45pm. E7-ELS.C. cones emilistic Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3673) & Richmond

Around the country Broadey

CHRICHEL THEATRE
Lest Joe Orten's black comedy stars John
Alderson, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, maps The & Sat
2.30pm, eight 2.31pm, 2.50-41.35, ones
available. High Street (0181-460 6677)

Cardiff MENT TREATHE Bood Runny Terry Johnson's sex therapy comedy, Today 2:30pm & 7:30pm, &6-4(2:50, comes registric, Park Pines (01222-878899) COMEDY

<u>Chichester</u> CHILDRESS LEST RESTRULTHEATHER RESIDENTED FOR WIDE HAIT'S adoptation of Jano Ameta's novel stars Lize Goddard and a directed by Michael Rudman. Today 2. Julym. 19-22, conce available. Basthouan's Swith Peter Ustinov in a revival of his own comedy, with John Newlie. Exnight Sym. 59-225, conces Ming-Fri. Cakkanda Park (01243-781312)

Haberto, TREATE:
Taking Needs Maggie Smith and Margaret
Tyzak each perform an Alan Bennett
monologue, Mon-Set 7.45pm, mats Tim &
Set 2.45pm, each 29 June. 214-225, cones
available. Oaldands Park (012/3-781312)

Plymouth Prize Tig. Anne: garge.

Bindey Vanya Howard Barber's radical
retelling of Chekhov's subering comedy.
Thinight 7.30pm. £14.50-£16.50, cones
available. Royal Pacade (01753-267222)

<u>Richmond</u>

SCHOOLS THE MISE.
Shaply Disconnected Richard Wilson directs
Alan Bates in Simon Gray's scopel to
Otherwise Engaged. Today 2:30pm & 7.45pm,
£6-£20, cones available. The Green (0181940 (088)

Richmond.

Stratford-upon-Avon ROYAL SEARCESPEARE THEATHE
Washells Roger Allem heads Tim Albery's
production of Shabespeare's tragedy. Today
1.30pm. 66.50-635-50.
As Van Libe II Niamb Connels in Seven
Pimioti's production. Englist 7.30pm. 66.50635-50. Waterside (01789-295623)

SHAN THEATER Swan Heapter
Three Boars After Barriage Richard Cottrell
directs Gay, Pope and Arburbact's comedy.
Today 1.30 pm. 29-29-50.
The White Barl Gale Edwards directs Jane
Gumeti in Webster's violent revenge thriller.
Tonight 7.30 pm. 59-29-50. Waterside
(01789-295623)

<u>Swansea</u>

DANCE

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THE ATTHE HOTAL
Adable: Thank! Abundanna Dencework inspired by the challenges facing South Africa's youth. Thought? 20pon. £7.212.
Westgate Street (01284-769505)

QUEEN ELPABETH HALL
Compagnie En Soin: Secherasse et Pluie
Company from Victoum descring in the rural
open tradition. Tonight 7.45pm. 2(0-214,
cones available. South Bank Centre, SE1

Janes States of the States of Marc Neikrug's Piano Concerto with presse from Henze's ballet Ondre. Emigly 7, 15pm, 18,30-116. Termis Little Violin recital of Brahms, Bach, Poulenc, Ravel and Symanowski. Sun 3,30pm, 19-118.

To BARD'S BALL SEC National Orchestra of Walso/Littes With SEC National Chorus of Wales and Brighton Festival Chorus in Verific Repairs. Tought 7.30pm. 26-219. The Hayes (01222-87844)

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Rhathowsky's Violin Concerto and Elgar's
Engine Winteries: Engine 17-30pn. Els. 50,
concs.£1. Hampstead Lane, NW3 (0171-413
1443) & Goldens Green, then 210 bus.

Process to the Orchestra of the Bayel Opera-done lines by Brahms and Ravel with Mozart's K452 Piano Quintet, Sun 3.15pm. 15.50-49.50. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-

Wideless RALL Images Cooper Bret Dean's Songs of Asgels and Schulbert's Trans quinter, Tonight 7,30pm. 18-E16. (0171-935 2141) & Bond Street.

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PMAICE THE ATTHE Mades frameport Award winning deatest by Diane Sumuels starting, Jean Boht and Diana Quick. Last perfs today 3pm. & Spm. 4,4-15, comes available. Clarendon Rd (01923-225671)

EXHIBITIONS

<u>Bath</u>

VacTousia ART GALLERY
Ser list thew Suchts 1878-1958 Almost 400
works by this important figures we printer favoured by Francis Bacon. Ends today,
10am-Span, iree. Bridge St (01225-477772)

BARBICAN ART CALLERY Daruk Jarman: ArBit, Film-maker, Designa Films, pointings, designs by the influentia artist. Mon. Wed-Sat I (Jam-6.45pm, The 10am-5.45pm, Son 12noon-6.45pm, ends 18 Aug. £4.50, comes £2.50 (price includes entry to Eve Arnold) Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) & Barbican/Montgale.

RELATING CULTERA But retail GALLER!
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Mon-Sus 10am-fgm (antil 8pm fire & Wed).
each 18 Ang. £5, cones £30. Relwedere Road, 18 Ang. £5, cones £30. Relwedere Road, SEI (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

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Mutated figurative works by collaborative duo. Mon-Sun 12noon-7.30pm (Fri until 9pm), ends 7 July. £i.50 day m'ship. The Mall, SW1 (0171-930 3647) ⊕ Char X. HATTONAL GALLERY

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drawings and scripture from Degas' late
period. More-Set (Dem-Grom (Wed until Spot)),
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instaiger SQ, WCZ (0171-859 3.821) & Char X ROTHA, ACADEMY OF ARTS 228th Bayel Readowy Summer Exhibition National exhibition, Mon-Sun Illum-Spm, ends 18 Aug. 15, exocs 54. Burfington House, Piccadelly, WI (0171-387 488) & Picc Circ. DATE GALLERY Luon Remont Highly textured paintings of urban scenes. Mon-Sat (0431-550)pm, San 2pm-Spm, ends 1 Sept. 64, conce. £2.50. Milliank, SWI (0171-887 8000) & Pimileo.

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mid Spin), Sun 11am-5pm, ends 30 June,

22.50, concr£1.50, free Wed 10am-1pm, Thu
6pm-8pm, Pembroke St (01865-722733) St Ives

ST NYES TATE GALLERY Mark Rothics in Constant Rothko's vast to St Mattheward in a display exhibition
bes explored in a display exhibition
alongside St Ives artists. More-Sar J Jam-7pm,
Sun J Jam-5pm, ends 3 Nov. £3, cones £1,5%.
Porthuneur Beach (01736-796226)

OPERA East Molesey NCH BALL AT COCHRANE THEATRE
Tonight Spm, Southampton Row, WC1
(0171-242 7040) ⊕ Holborn, £8, conce £ EASTON COURT PNLACE OPERA MORTH The Marriage of Figure Opera North with a concert personance of Marria Schesic, conducted by Richard Farnes. Theight 7pm. £29.50 & £35. (0171-344.444)

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original production of Purcini: Roday 2.30pm
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With the Tracy Brothers, Rhous Cameron,
Phill Jupins, Paul Tonkinson, Simon Lyson.
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Natures Tim Albery's staging of Verdi.
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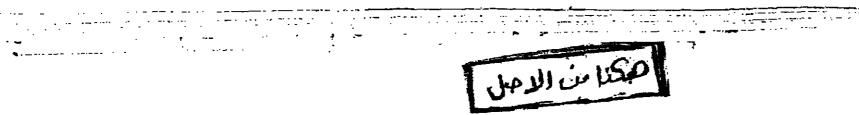
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> The Monday Play: United States 7.45pm R4. The story of the original Samese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker, and how they used the profits from freak-show appearances to try to live out the American dream.

False Economy Span C4. Will Hulton concludes his look at the state we're in by castigating the seaging but widespread privatisation of the Western State for being undersocratic and Wasteful (8857); Dickle Bird: a Rare Species 9.45pm BBC2. Athute to the outgoing umpire (885168).
Strange Days 11.15pm BBC2: Journalist Catherine Bernett (above) lights back against

the fide of unreason - from astrology to allen abductions - and looks for a reason to explain their growing popularity (434031). The Mogues 10.35pm R5. David Mellor's investigation of the big sporting promoters continues: with the shock-headed, motormouthed boxing mogul Don King - even he may find it hard to

get a word in edgeways with our David.

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Sunday television and radio

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9.25 The Adventures of Grady Greenspace

(1022603).

12.10 Link (S) (8454581). *

6.00 GMTV, 6.00 The Sunday Review, 6.30 News, Sport and Weather, 7.00 The Sunday Programme

8.00 Disney Adventures. Jenny Powell visits the Isle of Wight (4771887).

(1022603).

9.50 James Bond Jr (2271871).

10.15 Sunday Heroes (S) (8341326).

10.25 Sunday. Gloria Hunniford is in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. At 10.50, Morning Worship from St Mary's Catholic Church (S) (92533264).

12.30 Crosstalk (Followed by LWT Weather) (48719). 1.00 News & Weather (45878790). *

1.10 The Agenda. The first in a new series of live current-offairs programmes hosted by Andrew Rawnsley (2639429). *

2.00 Capital Holidays. Tuscary, the villages of the Costa del Soi, and the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede near the Rocky Mountains (7413).

2.30 Euro 96 – Live. Live coverage of Russia v Germany from Old Trafford (275055).*

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Academy. Anton Rodgers guest stars as a Scottish

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7.30 Jim Henson's Animai Show 7.55 Playdays 8.15 Italianissimo (R) (7196239). 8.30 Breakfast with Frost (87500).

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9.30 The Good Book Guide (R) (S) (9623500).

9.45 First Light (S) (510852).
10.15 See Hear! (S) (608061).
10.45 This Multimedia Business (R) (S) (4587784).
11.00 Pride and Prejudice: From Page to Screen. Andrew Davies on how he transferred Jane Austen's classic to television (R) (S) (8790). 11.30 A Country House Reborn (R) (S) (6719).

12.00 CountryFile (S) (12852). 12.30 On the Record (37806). 1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (R) (S) (6982429). * 2.55 Columbo. Nicol Williamson guest stars as a mind-control expert suspected of murder (3958177). *
 4.10 Masterchef 1996. The second semi-final. Loyd

Grossman is joined by River Café chef Rose Grey, and restaurateur, Michael Chow (S) (2500235). 4.45 Songs of Praise. From Huddersfield Town Hall. backed by a lot of brass (S) (6403806). *

5.20 News, Weather (2498581). *
5.40 Regional News (176239).
5.45 Euro 96 Live. Live coverage of Croatia v Denmark from Hillsborough. Plus highlights of Russia v Germany (S) (39982581).

8.00 No Bananas. 7/10. Dorothea finally submits to Sir

Cecil (S) (788055). 1 8.50 Birds of a Feather (R) (S) (752413). * Royal Scandal. Parallels aplenty with the ongoing Charles and Diana saga in this historical drama starring Richard E Grant as the future George IV, pressurised by public opinion into marrying Caroline of Brunswick, although they had nothing in common and he already had a

mistress. See Preview, p28 (S) (644142). *
10.20 News, Weather (757429). *
10.35 FLE White Palace (Luis Mandoki 1990 US). Very fine adult romance in which wentysomething yuppie James Spader gets involved with fortysomething waitress Susan Sarandon (S) (78835535). *

12.15 Golf - US Open. Highlights (S) (32369). 12.45 III Desert Bloom (Eugene Com 1986 US). Slow but well-observed domestic drama set in smalltown 1950s Nevada Desert, where the Annabeth Gish is coming of age. Gish's traumatised former soldier father (Jon Voight), meanwhile, is making life difficult for everyone Parkin (769272)

2.30 Weather (5520104). To 2.35am. REGIONS. Wates: 12.00pm Homeland. 2.30 News Headlines. Weather.

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6.15 Open University: Pure Maths (6591158). 6.40 Maths Methods (3977852). 7.05 The Promised Land (4749968). 7.30 Diabetes - Restoring the Balance (1950784). 7.55 Seville: The Edge of Empire (7378697). 8.20 Pathfinding in the Brain (7136041). 8.45 Images of Education (8772582). 9.10 Rupert (R) (7673332). 9.15 The Littlest Pet Shop (S) (2278210).

9,35 X-Men (S) (1259535).

10.00 Fully Booked. Showjumper Oliver Skeete and Otis the Aardvark are this moming's guests. Plus, the cartoons Bump in the Night and Pingu (57413).
12.00 Regional Programmes (16622).
12.30 Sunday Grandstand Introduced by Sue Barker from Queen's Club. 12.35 Football: Euro 96 news and assistant and programmes and assistant and programmes. and analysis. 1.00 Tennis and Athletics: the buildup to this afternoon's singles final in the Stella Artois Grass Court Championship, and the Artists Grass Court Circliptoniship, and the highlights of yesterday's AAA Championships from Birmingham. 1.55 Tennis: live coverage from Queen's Club of the singles final. 3.45 Athletics: today's finals in the AAA Championships include: 4.10 Men's 800m. 4.20 Women's 1,500m. 4.30 Men's 1,500m. 4.50 Men's 200m. 5.00 Women's 200m. 5.30 Men's 400m hurdles. 5.40 Men's 400m. 5.45 Motor Racing: live

8.00 The Ring Within the Rings. Desmond Lynam presents a history of Olympic boxing. See Preview, p28 (8806603). * 9.20 Top Gear Take 2. Banger racing (S) (818239). *

9.30 Friday Night Armistice. Repeat of Friday's fun and games with Armando lannucci and satirical chums (S) (31429). * 10.00 European Fantasy Football League. With former Liverpool striker Michael Robinson and Lorraine Kelly. Shown on Friday (R) (S) (17351).

10.30 THE The Indian Runner (Sean Penn 1991 US).

Penn's directorial debut, set in 1968 Nebraska. surprised everyone with its sensitivity and maturity. It stars David Morse as a smalltown cop whose uneventful life is disturbed by the return of his brother (an excellent Viggo Mortensen) from the Vietnam War (27117245). *

Weatherview) (S) (4977524). To 1.25am. 2.00 The Learning Zone: Ageing Issues and concerns around ageing. (86833). 4.00 Languages (79727), 5.00 Business and Work (1485494). 5.25 Job Bank (8407388), 5.35 Walk the Talk (3571833). To 6.00am. REGIONS. Wales: 12.00pm Welsh Lobby. NI: 12.00pm Sounds of the Eighties.

5.00 Upstairs, Downstairs. A portrait of Lady Marjorie causes uproar when it is unveiled at The Royal coverage of the Canadian Grand Prix from Montreal (S) (5297516). 6.00 Local News, Weather (998993). * 6.15 News & Weather (993448). *

6.30 40 Years of ITV Laughter (R) (S) (18993). *
7.30 You've Been Framed! (R) (S) (239). * 8.00 Wycliffe. Jack Shepherd's satumine Cornish police detective ponders unexplained killings in

the Bodmin community, which locals are blaming on "the beast" (\$) (8429). * 9.00 The Knock. An old friend of Bill's is murdered in France while on the trail of a major drug-smuggling gang (S) (1993). * 10.00 The Clive James Show. Guests include Eddie

izzard and Peter O'Toole (S) (835239). 10.45 News & Weather (819516). * 11.00 Euro 96. Highlights of Croatia v Denmark

12.05 Table Miracle Landing (Dick Lowry 1990 US).

Drama based on an incident in 1988 in which the top section of a plane's fuselage came off during a flight to Hoppiulu (S) (69509R). 1.40 The Chart Show (R) (S) (7364123).
2.40 The Execution (Paul Wendkos 1985 US).

Five Jewish women who were all prisoners at Birkenau concentration camp discover that the camp doctor is now a successful LA restaurateur. Stars Loretta Swit and Rip Torn (489291). **4.20 Cool Vibes** (S) (61308794). 4.35 Shift (R) (1588291). To 5.30am.

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 Trans World Sport (R) (8766790).
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Dumber. 10.15 Sister Sister. 10.40 Rocko's Modern Life. 11.05 Insektors.

11.20 NBA Raw. The NBA finals (9025332).

12.15 The Waitons (R) (944535). *

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by a group of Greek gods (3839500).

But Ask Any Girl (Charles Walters 1959 US).

David Niven again, this time as a Manhattandweller being enlisted by smalltime girl Shirley MacLaine to help her snare his brother's hand in

MacLaine to help her snare his brother's hand m marriage. No guesses as to what happens next—and no great shakes as a musical (54978264). *
5.05 Zig and Zag's Dirty Deeds. The Big Breakfast extras help Elle McPherson track down some stolen photos (S) (3077332). *
5.35 Hollyoaks (R) (S) (275993). *
6.05 Babylon 5 (S) (617332). *
7.00 INST Gentiennen Prefer Blondes (Howard Hawks 1953 US). *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" and all that, with Marilyn Monroe and Jane

and all that, with Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell as Anita Loos's immortal gold-digging showgirts bound for Gay Paree (80622429). 8.40 Travelog Treks. Pete McCarthy follows in the footsteps of Ernest Herningway to the Florida Keys

(S) (110993), * 9.00 Cold Lazarus. 4/4. Concluding Dennis Potter's vision of the future. Daniel Feeld's head has been stolen (S) (3040448). *

10.15 THE Caddyshack (Harold Ramis 1980 US). The

gloriously slobbish Rodney Dangerfield has some crass fun on the fairways of an exclusive golf club in Hamld Ramis's slapstick comedy. Co-stars Chevy Chase and Cindy Morgan (555332). * 12.05 Just for Laughs. Frank Skinner hosts the Montreal festival of comedy (S) (2178678).

12.45 Days and Nights in the Forest (Satyajīt Ray 1969 India). Ray's Bengali take on Jean Renoir's Une Partie de Campagne, with four young men from Calcutta taking their hols (33599524). 2.50 Cheerleader. Scottish cheerleaders (5517630). 3.00 China Doll. Britain's Chinese community hold a beauty contest (R) (S) (58404982).
3.15 Beach (R) (S) (4667712). To 4.30am.

ITV/Regions

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Cartom (6376697), 5.05 The Village Show (3079790),
5.35 Threet's a Crowd (277351), 12,05am Film: The
Great American Sex Scandal (805388), 1,50am Hotel Babyton (4881611), 2,35am Best of British Motor
Sport (7661036), 3,05am Shift (4928098), 4,15am
Jones and Jury (43621388), 4,35-5,30am The Chart
Show (1588291).

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5.20 Ermendale (776-622). 12.05am Film: The Great
American Sex Scandal (805388). 1.50am Hotel Babyton (4881611). 2.35am Best of British Motor Sport
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Radio

Radio 1

@7695SMLPM 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Dave Pearce 2.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 4.00 UK Top 40 7.00 Kickin'. See Choice. 8.00 John Peel 10.00 Andy Kershaw 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 4.00-6.30am Clive Warren

Radio 2

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7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 Steve
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Parkinson's Sunday Supplement 1.00
Desmond Carnington 3.00 Benny
Green 4.00 Sweet and Low 4.30
Sing Something Simple 5.00 Pam
Ayres 7.00 Hugh Scully 8.30 Sunday
Low 4.00 Low 4.00 June 16 Step 10.00 Fifty Years On 12.05 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00am Alex Lester

Radio 3 (90) 2:92.446± 740

7.00am Sacred and Protone. 8.50 Charge of Three. 9.00 Bhan Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 Music Matters. 12.15 Music Matters.
1.00 News; Into the Garden.
1.20 The Sunday Concert. BBC Symphony Orchestra/Enrique
Diemlecke, Moncayo: Huspango. Bernstein: Symphony No 2, Villa-Lobos: Forest of the Amazon.

3.15 Spirit of the Age. 4.15 Peter Schreier (tenor), Graham Johnson (piano). Beethoven: Ade. Jonnson (pland), Becomber: Ade-laide; Neue Liebe neues Leben, Op 75 No 2: Der Wachtelschlag, WoO 129: Rasignation, WoO 149; An-denken; Zartliche Liebe; An die feme Geliebte, Schumann:

Dichterliebe. 5.45 The Sunday Feature: Lanank. 15 years after the publication of Alas-deir Gray's first novel, Lanark, David Stanhouse assesses its impact on Scottish writing. See Choice. 6,30 Russian Piano Music.

7.30 The Sunday Play: The Nuremberg Inal. Peter Goodchild's dramatic reconstruction of the most significant trial of the 20th century With Bernard Hepton. 10.10 Choir Works. Aaron Copland: in the baginning, Charles Wuori-

2.2.

11.15 Traditional Music. John Purser grammes the ancient cultural and musical connections between Scot-land and localand. 11.45 Record Review 1.00 Through the Night. With Donald

Macleod. 1.01 Jonanelli, Demotoonte, A rare chance to hear this three act opera, recorded during the 1995 Schwelzinger Festival. 5 00-6 00am Sequence.

Choice

"Are the worlds of football and pop converging?", asks Nick Hancock (left) in Kickin' (7pm R1), or is it just that footballers' hairstyles are improving? Meanwhile, for all those who thought Irvine Welsh invented Scottish writing, Lanark (5.45pm R3) reminds you that Alasdair Gray did. 15 years ago.

Radio 4 G2.494 (BBHz IM, 199Mb LVI) 5.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 The Living World. Bees. (5/6). 7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Week's Good Cause. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America.

11.15 Mediuma 11.45 A History of Britain in Six Menus. (2/6). 12.15 Desert Island Discs, With writer Quentin Crewe.

12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World This Weekend.

1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time.

2.30 The Summer Serial: On the Eve by Yungerev, dramatised by Michael Crompton. With Amanda Root and Philip Franks. (1/2). 3.30 Pick of the Week. 4.1.5 Analysis.
5.00 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond. Solomon Islands. (2/6).
5.30 Poetry Please!
5.50 Shipping Forecast.
5.55 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.15 Feedback.

7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff, With Tom Smith, (3/4). 7.30 A Good Read. 8.00 (FM) The Natural History Pro-

gramme. **8.00 (LW)** Open University: Master class: Managing a Brand. 8.30 A Better World? 9.00 Transsexuals. 9.20 Tailding about the Enlighten-ment. 9.40 Death and Dying. 8.30 (FM) Leviatran. 9.00 (FM) The Cutting Edge. 9.30 (FM) A Many-Faceted Thing, Memory – The Workings. (2/4). 9.59 (FM) Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Medicine Now.

11.15 in Committee. 11.45 Seeds of Faith. Christopher Martin, a Christian, and Jane Wyrne-Wilson, a humanist, explore the fundamental beliefs on which they differ. (1/3). 12.00 News. 12.20 Bells on Sunday. From St.

David's, Moretor Gloucestershire 12.30 The Late Story. Coming Home by Nora Naish. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00am As World Service. Radio 5

(63.95% MI) 6.05am Brief Lives 6.30 Brian Hayes at Breakdast 9.05 Sunday with Mair 11.35 Special Assignment 12.05 The Big Byte 12.35 Hold the Front Page 1.05 Euro 96 Sunday Sport 8.05 The US Open 12.05 Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Morning Reports Classic FM

(100.0-101.9881/Re) 6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Romance 12.00 Celebrity Choice 1.00 Alan Mann 3.00 Masterclass 4.00 Classic Discoveries 7.00 Classic Countdown Top 10 8.00 Evening Concert. Smetana: Overture: The Bartered Bride, Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn. Shostakovich: Symphony No 9 in E flat. Rossini: Overture: William Tell, Bartok. Con-certo for Orchestra. 10.00 Howard's Week 12.00 Andre Leon 4.00-6.00am Mark Griffiths

Virgin Radio (1215, 1197-1260ath WH 105,8Mbb FAD 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Graham Dene 2.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Gary Davies 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks World Service

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Satellite

6,00am Hour of Power (67500). 7,00 Undun (6587142). 11.30 Ghoul-Lashed (5975264). 11.50 Trap Door (2479177). 12.00 The Trap Door (2479177). 12.00 The Hit Mix (78974). 1.00 Star Trek (87622). 2.00 The World at War (52581). 3.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (84061). 4.00 WWF (33388). 5.00 Great Escapes (9413). 5.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5326). 6.00 The Simpsons (2239). 6.30 The Sampsons (2719). 7.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (15429). 8.00 Deep Space Nine (15429). 8.00 Metrose Place (24177), 9.00 The Feds (27264), 11.00 Blue Thun-

der (81535). 12.00 60 Minutes (54098). 1.00 The Sunday Comics (80098). 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix Long Play (8277974). SKY MOVIES 6.00am Captain Blood (1935) (56142), 8.00 Against the Wind (1948) (49061), 10.00 Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (97055), 12.00 Shock Treatment (1981) (66784). 2.00 Father Hood (1993) (25852). 4.00 Getting Even with Dad (1994) (3852). 6.00 Mrs

Doubtine (1993) (18516). 8.00 Dad, the Angel and Me (1995) (13061). 10.00 Rumaway Daugh-ters (1994) (9237210). 11.25 The Movie Show (256158). 11.55 Fathers and Sons (1992). (677968), 1.35 The New Age (1994) (207678), 3.25-6.00am Windows (1980) (54623369). MOVIE CHANNEL 6.05am Crack Up (1946) (70680516), 8.00 Perils of Prob-lemina (1985) (47603), 10.00

They Knew What They Wanted (1940) (95697). 12.00 Mac-Gwer: The Lost Treasure of Atlantis (1994) (64326). 2.00 Final Days of Butch and Sundance (1993) (73887). 3.30 El Feature (5993), 4,00 The Devit's Bed (1994) (7622). 6.00 Midnight Run: Another Midnight Run (1994) (16158). 8.00 The Shad-ow (1994) (11603). 10.00 Clear and Present Danger (1994) (54198535). 12.25 Subspecies (1991) (2457920), 1.55 Masseuse (1995) (340982). 3.30-6.00am The Only Way Out (1993) (692307).

SAT MOHES GOLD 12.00pm Daddy Long Legs (1955) (25366055), 2.10 Run for Cover (1955) (537564), 3.50 A Farewell to Arms (1957) (21127871). 6.25 Three Arnigos! (1986) (71178790), 8.10 F/X - Murder by Illusion (1986) (70890993).

10.00 Platon (1986) (63901806). 12.05 The Osterma Weelend (1983) (177366). 1.50 The Face (1958) (8995369).

UK GOLD 7.00am Give Us a Clue (5216326). 7.30 Going for Gold (1402142). 7.55 The Pink Pan-(1402142). 7-35, The Hink Part-ther (3440603). 8.05 Angels (3223239). 9.00 When the Boat Cornes in (4148326). 10.00 Blake's Seven (86876887). 11.05 Dr Who (58979090). 1.00 The Cassandra Crossing (1977) (2281239). 3.00 The Bill (9247871). 6.00 The Good Old Days (1079535), 7.00 Morecambe and Wise (9749852). 8.00 The Duchess of Duke Street (17252993). 9.05 I, Claudius 153907622), 10.10 First Born 99610351), 11.15 The Bob Monkhouse Show (4458535). 12.15 The Six Wives of Henry VIII (6859524). 1.55-7.00am Shop-ping at Night (40941982).

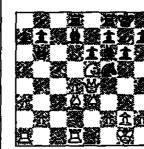
STEPORTS 7.00am Le Mars Update (346622). 9.30 Surfing (75603). 10.30 Superbikes (80351). 12.00 Le Mars Finish (30036993). 2.15 World Super-bikes Championship (5085413). 3.30 Golf (83535). 5.30 Golf USA: US Open (1422448), 11.30 Superbikes (61535), 1,00-3.00am Super League (93098).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Sports Extra (2416516), 10.55 Women's Cricket (96697887), 6.00 Super League (4429852), 8.30-1.00am World League of Ameri-can Football (1733326).

6.00am Video Box 6.30 Home Shopping 7.00 Video Box 7.30 Fate & Fortune 8.00 425 9.00 Mind & Body 9.30 Weigh to Go 10.00 Fashion Show 10.30 Spenish Archer 11,00 Video Box 11.30 Nation Weird 12.00 Fate & Fortune 12.30 Why Files 1.00 425 2.00 Sport 3.00 Canary Whart 4.30 Fashion Show 5.00 Weigh to Go 5.30 Fashion Show Weigh to Gab 3.30 Pashion Show 6.00 Video Box 6.30 Spanish Archer 7.00 425 8.00 Nation Weigh 9.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball 9.30 Why Files 10.00 Topiess Darts 10.30 Pashion Show 11.00 Topiess Darts 11.30 Stand Up 13.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball 12.30 12.00 Lunchbox Volley Ball 12.30 Kss TV 1.30 Home Shopping 2.00 425 3.00 The Sex Show 3.30 Stand Up 4.00 Fate & Formand 6.0 Mer. Eller E. 60 Mer. Eller Ell tune 4.30 Why Files 5.00 Video Box 5.30-6.00em Fashion Show

Pastimes

Chess William Hartston



Anatoly Karpov.

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completely off balance in the fourth game of his Fide world title match against

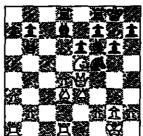
The diagram position was reached after Karpov's 18th move as Black. It is just the same type of isolated dpawn formation for White that brought Kamsky victory in the second game. He now played 19.No4 with an attack on the black queen. The natural reply is 19...Qc6, offering the exchange of

Bridge Alan Hiron N-S game; dealer West

East **∳**J 1082 ♥4 ♦K 108 ♣KJ 1093 danger of a club switch if he

If, as East, you were told in advance that there was a de- ly and followed up with \$\infty\$K fence to Three No-trumps, - attacking South's only three tricks must be conceded you would probably find it. As certain entry before the to West.

Black is uncomfortable against a quick build-up of



Q-side pressure with Rac1, Be4 and perhaps even Na5. 19...Qc7 seems next most likely, to meet 20.Bf4 with 20...Qc6 when the white queen can no longer go to f4. The trouble is that 21.Be5! preserves a clear advantage for White. Karpov played 19...Qa6!

It looks decidedly odd putting the queen on the diagonal of White's bishop, but the knight has no good discovery. Kamsky's 20.a4 was a poor move (perhaps hoping for time to play a5 and Nb6), and after 20...Bc6 21.Qf4 Bd5 Black had a fine position. The "aggressive"

22.g4 is strongly met by ...g5! Kamsky played 22.Ne5 Qb6 and now 23.Bxf5? was another error, losing all control of the white squares. Karpov played 23 ... exist and won at move 45.

it was, after two good plays,

West opened 3 ♥ and, with

double. East passed and, with

an equally awkward call,

West led ♥K and declarer

would have been an acute

had held off. He followed by

finessing & J. It is often good

tactics to hold up in this po-

sition, but East could place

every high card at this stage

and could see that the suit was

blocked. He won immediate-

South bid 3NT.

East fell at the third fence.

Perplexity

Last time, we asked, in celebration of last Sunday's 9.6.96 date, how many dates there are in a century which, with the dots removed, are the same upside down.

Now take a look at tomorrow's date. It's the 16th of June, 16.6.96, which works perfectly as a multiplication sum: $16 \times 6 = 96$ So no prizes for guessing

this week's question. How many such dates are there in a century?

A Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia awaits a correct answer. Answers, by 26 June, to: Saturday Pastimes, the Independent. 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL

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diamonds could be unblocked. Deciarer allowed \$K to win but East continued the a difficult bid, North chose to suit to dummy's queen, After cashing the top diamonds, declarer followed with four rounds of spades. On lead, with only clubs left, East had won immediately - there to concede an entry to the

> 10 tricks. What was the final point that East had missed? When the top spades are cashed, he must unblock with his eight. 10 and jack! Dummy's three becomes an unexpected trick but now, with nothing but hearts left on the table, the last

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The big picture The Krays Sat 10.30pm C4

In the heyday of Spandau Ballet - when they looked like poncho-wearing clothes horses – we had no inkling that Gary and Martin Kemp had hidden talents as serious actors. But The Krays reveals them to be highly convincing performers, bringing the right degree of charismatic menace to the roles of Ronnie and Reggle, the extravagantly-famous East End gangsters. In Peter Medak's thoughtful biopic, the Kemps pull off the feat of being simultaneously nice to their mum (Billie Whitelaw, in characteristically compelling form), and nasty to everyone else.

Television preview RECOMMENDED VIEWING THIS WEEKEND by Gerard Gilbert

K, then. What does this remind you of? An age-

ing bachelor Prince of Wales is pressurised into marrying a young bride he hardly knows - even

though he is passionately devoted to his mistress. The marriage quickly fails, and the Princess finds herself

This particular failed royal marriage happened 200

years ago, when George, later George IV, agreed to take Caroline of Brunswick as his lawful wedded wife

(he already had an unlawfully wedded wife in

Catholic-born Maria Fitzherbert). It's all dramatised

in A Royal Scandal (Sun BBC1); with Richard E

Grant as George, the unfamiliar but lively-faced Susan

Lynch as Caroline, and the rather more familiar

in support. Surprisingly, this all goes beyond just a few spooky parallels with Charles and Di, thanks to

a breezy script and a suitably manic performance from

Grant - George as a sort of Hanoverian Withmail.

fought mainly through the newspapers.



Theodora Sat 6.35pm C4 Dancing in the Street Sat 9pm BBC2 Screen Two: Century Sat 10pm BBC2 The Ring within the Rings Sun 8pm BBC2 A Royal Scandal Sun 9.20pm BBC1

the characters in Stephen Poliakoff's lush but chilly down in Mississippi, in New Orleans, where late-night Screen Two: Century (Sat BBC2) - despite the presence of such formidable actors as Charles Dance, Clive Owen, Robert Stephens and Miranda Richardisolated. Emboldened by the fact that she is mother of the heir to the throne, she starts to fight back, and a vicious wrangle – over houses and titles – ensues, fought mainly through the active of the heir to the throne, she starts to fight back, and is not overly interested in characters. Characters are expression meaning "sex", hijacked for the emerging what carry the plot along, and the plot is what carries musical style by white DI Alan Freed), but he was only Poliakoff's ideas along. Fortunately, Poliakoff the director enjoys himself recreating the sights and sounds of High Victorian England

Owen plays the son of Jewish immigrants in turnof-the-century London, who becomes the prize pupil of pioneering doctor Dance. It's only later that we realise what Dance has been up to among poor squatter women. Eugenics plus anti-semitism plus a brave new century - it'll all end in a concentration camp.

Michael Kitchen, Frances Barber and Denis Lawson is the unspoken message.
in support. Surprisingly, this all goes beyond just a Dancing in the Street (Sat BBC2) is a very fine new. history of rock music. We seem to be living through

These broadly exched buffoons are more vivid than Anthology. The story begins, as the song says, way radio stations were bringing the "nigger music" to the white kids and making way for the first crossover stars — Little Richard and Chuck Berry. Pat Boone was the holding the door open for Elvis Presley.

It seems that the more the BBC loses its major sporting events, the more it plugs those that it still has. The Ring within the Rings (Sun BBC2) is a history of Olympic boxing, and not a particularly inspired production by BBC Sport. Fortunately, a lot of great names have boxed for their country - including Cassius Clay, Joe Frazier and George Foreman.

Theodora (Sat C4) is a live performance of Peter Sellars's stunning new production of Handel's oratorio - a tragedy set among the Romans and Christians of fourth-century Antioch, played with 18tha golden age of rockumentaries, what with this and century instruments, and given a stark, modernist set-the recent The Biz, Rock Family Trees and the Beatles ting. This historical stew creates a surprising clarity.



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The big match Euro 96: England v Scotland Sat 3pm BBC1

For all sorts of historical reasons. England versus Scotland, led by the elegant Gary McAllister (above), was always going to be the biggest game of the opening round for home fans. (To fuel the fire, C4 ran a comedy programme emitted England v Scotland last night). Now that both teams have drawn their first games, the stakes have become even higher. England may have home advantage, but history. indicates that there will be very little to choose between the teams. Since 1872, England have 43 wins compared with Scotland's 40.

Saturday television and radio

BBC1

7.25 News, Weather (5359009). 7.30 Children's 88C: Oscar's Orchestra. 7.55 Robinson

Sucroe, 8, 15 The Raccoons, 8,45 Marvel Action Hour. 9.45 Grange Hill. 10.10 Sweet Valley High. 10.35 Trooping the Colour. Live coverage from Horse Guards Parade in London, where Her Majesty the Queen takes the salute as the 1st Battalion Irish Guards troop do their stuff. Julian Tutt is our man on the spot (S) (77098641).

12.17 Weather (7238405). 12.20 Grandstand Introduced by Desmond Lynam from Wembley. 12.25 Football: the latest news from the Scotland and England camps. 12.40 Cricket Focus. 1.00 News. 1.05 Athletics: coverage of day two of the AAA Championships from the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, the official trials for the British Olympic team. 2.00 Football: build-up to the England v Scotland game. 3.00 Football: Euro 96. Live coverage of England v Scotland. See The Big Match. 5.10 Athletics: further coverage from Birmingham, including 5.20 Women's 100m final. 5.40 Men's 110m hurdles final (S) (91087863). 5.50 News, Weather (389757).

6.00 Regional News and Weather (533641). 6.05 Dad's Army (R) (652115). *

6.35 Full Swing. Fairly desperate game show – a sort of golf version of Big Break, with Jimmy Tarbuck asking the questions (S) (822047). 7.05 The New Adventures of Superman. Lois is treated

for amnesia (S) (317776). 7.50 The National Lottery Live. Riverdance star Michael Flatley high-kicks his way across to the starter button (S) (918863).

8.05 Bugs. Ros is infected by a deadly computer virus which will be triggered only if she becomes aware that she has it. Last in the series (S) (312592). *

8.55 News and Sport, Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (774776). *

9.15 ALL Ladykiller (Michael Scott 1992 US), Mimi Rogers, who surely has no need of such a service, joins a dating agency, and meets mysterious John Shea. But when the bodies of two murdered women are discovered, she discovers her new lover is the prime suspect. A pretty routine thriller, with a gloss of fashionable steaminess (S) (279689). 10.45 Euro 96. Highlights of England v Scotland, and

France v Spain (S) (2473592). *

12.00 Golf - US Open 1996 Highlights of (S) (47264). 12.30 Suddenly (Lewis Allen 1954 US). Withdrawn from circulation for years after it was discovered that Lee Harvey Oswald watched it just Frank Sinatra is excellent as the former World War Il marksman who takes a Mid-West family hostage. His target is the US president, whose train is due to pass through the town (8262245). 1.45 Weather (1772871). To 1.50am.

BBC 2

6.00 Open University: Engineering Mechanics (6529931). 6.25 Maths: Networks and Matrices How to combine matrices. (6515738). 6.50 Managing in Organisations (3002592). 7.15 Maraging in Organisations (3002592), 7.15
Dialogue in the Dark (4869776), 7.40 OU All
Hours (1052196), 8.05 The Victorian High
Church (6954134), 8.30 TV – Images, Messages
and Ideologies (5069738), 9.20 Pyramids, Plato
and Football (1069134), 9.45 Teletel (1288047),
10.10 Powers of the President (5994950), 11.00
The Right Course for You? (9195202), 11.25
Clayoquot Sound – the Final Cut? (4407912),
11.50 Healthy Entures Whose Views Count? 11.50 Healthy Futures: Whose Views Count? (2313009).

12.15 Watch Out. Little terns, and how the clothes you wear can attract insects (S) (1697221). 12.25 (Edwin L Marin 1950 US). A gun

salesman promoting the new rapid-fire Colt 45 has his pistols stolen by an outlaw who embarks on a trail of bank robbery and murder. Starring Randolph Scott, Zachary Scott, Lloyd Bridges and Alan Hale (8302912). *

1.35 International Tennis. From the Queen's Club, London, Sue Barker introduces live coverage of this afternoon's semi-finals. With commentary from John Barrett, Mark Cox, David Mercer and Bill Threlfall (S) (53166757). 5.55 Canadian Grand Prix. Live coverage of the

qualifying session for tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix from Montreal (S) (3655641). 7.05 Trooping the Colour. Highlights of this morning's pomp and circumstance down in Horse Guards Parade, London (S) (1061283).

8.20 Aliya the Asian Elephant. A story set in Sri Lanka about a lost baby elephant and the little boy who helps him (S) (757641).

9.00 Dancing in the Street: A Rock and Roll History. See Preview, above (S) (5221).

10.00 Exer Screen Two: Century. Stephen Poliakoff drama set in 1899 and starring Charles Dance. Clive Owen, Miranda Richardson, Robert

Stephens, Joan Hickson, Lena Headey. See Preview, above (S) (692863). * 11.50 Later with Jools Holland. With ZZ Top, Bo Diddley,, the Bluetones, and London's Stereolab. Last in the series (S) (809405).

12.55 Tistana (Luis Buriuel 1970 Sp/lt/Fr). Marvellously bitter satire on Franco's Spain and a neat little morality tale to boot (but, obviously, not yer bourgeois morality). Fernando Rey is at his best as the Toledo aristocrat who rapes his young ward (Catherine Deneuve) only to become tormented by her when she agrees to marry him. Franco Nero

2.35 Young Musicians 96: Encore A series of recitals by past finalists in the BBC Young Musicians contest to celebrate 10 years of the competition. This week, horn player David Pyatt plays Marais and Cherubini (S) (2322852). To 2.50am.

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6.00 GMTV 6.00 News, Weather. 6.10 Re:Win.d. 6.30 Bananas in Pyjamas. 6.40 Eat Your Words. 7.10 Barney and Friends. 7.40 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Roo. 8.55 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

9.25 Scratchy & Co. Guests are magician Paul Zenon and Paul Leyshon, Oilie from Hollyoaks. Denise van Outen, meanwhile, meets Gabrielle and 4 Mandu, and Malcolm finds out the world's worst chat-up lines (S) (81900028).

11.30 The Chart Show (S) (91554). 12.30 The Basement. Neighbours' Dan Falzon joins Sonya Saul and her audience to discuss one-night. stands. Music from Northern Uproar (\$) (78573).

1.00 News & Weather (77546496). *

1.05 Local News, Weather (78996937). *

1.10 Euro 96 Special. Jim Rosenthal and guests

1.10 Euro 96 Special. Jim Rosenthal and guests preview today's games (2662757). *

2.00 Movies, Games and Videos (8467).

2.30 ERBB Beaches (Garry Marshall 1988 US). Maudlin girls'-own story about life-long friends Bette Midler (brash, New York showbizzy type) and Barbara Hershey (repressed San Francisco Wasp). Hershey develops cancer and Midler stands by her friend, thus transcending by self-obession and thus transcending her self-obsession and becoming a wonderful human being. See it and weep (S) (22912). *
4.30 RoboCop (S) (7890592).

5.25 News & Weather (6475912), * 5.35 London Tonight (473134), * 5.45 Euro 96 - Live. France v Spain from Elland Road. Plus, highlights of England v Scotland (98299738).

8.45 News & Weather (749080). * 9.00 An Audience with Bob Monkhouse. Stephen Fry,

Eddie Large and Sid Little, Ruth Madoc, Sir John Mills, Denis Norden, Pauline Quirke and Mandy Smith all have something they want to ask "Uncle Bob" – like "where's the exit?" or "who's for the

bar?* (R) (S) (9047). *.

10.00 Saturday Live. Struggling in the ratings (three and a half million viewers, which is chicken feed for prime-time Saturday night, is the latest count), Lee Hurst hosts a another hour of stand-up. Regulars Harry Hill and Alan Parker "Urban Warrior" are joined by Neil Mullarkey and Tony Hawks. With music from Everything But the Girl and Strijka –

"Norway's third most-popular band" (S) (2134). 11.00 The Ry II (Chris Walas 1989 US). Eric Stoltz stars as the son of the Jeff Goldblum character in this sequel which should have been swatted at birth. Stottz has inherited his dad's deformed genes and puberty turns out to be a more troubling experience than it is for most. Trash (S) (577115).

55 Euro 96 R and v Scotland a Wembley, re-run in its entirety (4047852). * 3.15 El News Review (4817910). 4.05 Cool Vibes (S) (45055413). 4.10 God's Gift (R) (7194531). 5.05 Coach (S) (1584719). To 5.30am.

Channel 4

6.05 Sesame Street. 7.00 Little Dracula 7.35 World League Football (R) (S) (1080979). 8.00 Gaetic Games. All-Ireland Champions Dublin meet Westmeath in the Leinster Gaelic football

championship, followed by Ulster title holders Tyrone against Fermanagh (88221).

9.00 The Moming Line. Today's hot tips on the racing scene (S) (80592). 10.00 High Five. Skateboarding. The US Powell team

(I've no idea, ask a teenager) take on the top stunt skateboarders of Europe (41028). 10.30 NBA 24/7. Another chance to see last Thursday's programme (R) (57592).

11.00 Trans World Sport (87318). 12.00 Calcutta Chronicles. During the Hindu festival of Durga Puja, mud statues of the goddess are returned to the Ganges and the celebrations bring

the city to a halt for a week. Tim Piggott-Smith has further details (S) (48844). * 12.30 The Great Maratha. Our man defeats the British and gets to meet the Moghal Emperor (76115).

1.00 Australia Wild. Antipodean wildlife (81134). * 1.30 Channel 4 Racing from York. Featuring the 1.45
Michael Sobell Silver Tankard Handicap; the 2.15

Daniel Prenn Royal Yorkshire Stakes; and the 2.45 William Hill Trophy Handicap (S) (90878931).
3.10 ESS A Letter to Three Wives (Joseph L Mankiewicz 1949 US). Excellent satirical comedy on suburban marriage, with the town seductress sending a letter to three women – Jeanne Crain, Linda Damell and Ann Sothern - informing them that she has run off with one of their husbands, but

neglecting to say which one. Cue introspection as each reviews her marriage. A refreshingly tart screenplay with first-rate support from Kirk Douglas, Paul Douglas and Jeffrey Lynn as the hubbles in question (54901592). *

5.05 Brookside Omnibus. Lindsey, Gary, Mick and Danny have the major storylines (\$) (9834318). *

6.35 Four Goes to Glyndebourne: Theodora. Peter Sellars's bold new production of Handel. Dawn Upshaw appears in the role of Theodora, the honourable maiden who chooses death rather than give up her Christian faith, and the young American counter-tenor David Daniels, in his British debut, plays her lover (S) (87545080).

10.30 The Krays (Peter Medak 1990 UK). The Kemp brothers take on the Kray twins. See The Big Picture, above (42528080).

12.45 Hornicide - Life on the Street, When the Narcotics Division makes the biggest drugs bust in Baltimore history, the local dealers start turning on one another (R) (S) (4915784). *

1.40 The Night Holds Terror (Andrew Stone 1955 US). Run-of-the-mill hard-boiled thriller starring Vince Edwards as the leader of a trio of hoods who hold Jack Kelly and his family captive and then kidnap him for ransom. With Hildy Parks, John Cassavetes and David Cross (665719).

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Saturday Show 1.00 A Swift
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7.00am Record Review.
9.00 Building a Library.
10.15 Record Release. Dvorak:
Miniatures, Op 75a. Beethoven:
Cello Sorata in D. Op 102 No
2. Haydn: String Quartet in G,
Op 33 No 5.

11.15 Relssues. 12.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to the composer and conductor Oliver Knussen. 1.00 News; Behind the Masque. Roderick Swanston talks to the leading early music performer

Anner Bylsma. (3/6). 3.00 The Finishing Touch. Andrew Watkinson, leader of the Endelhon Quartet, offers advice to the Academy of Music on performing Beethoven's String Quartet In A. Op 18 No 5. (4/6).

3.45 Young Composer Workshop. BBC Philharmonic/Martyn Brabbins. A concert featuring the work of four young composers involved in the Young Musician of the Year composers' work-shop. David Hackston: Cello Concerto, Andrew Hamilton: ...with inviolable voice. Thomas Walton: Blitzkrieg. Cheryl Frances-Hoad: Concertino for cello, plano and percussion. 4.45 A Shropshire Lad. George Butterworth's orchestral thap-

sody, BBC Symphony Orches-

tra/Mark Elder. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests.

taste, tonight's Kaleidoscope Feature (7.20pm R4) is an interview with architect Daniel Libeskind, designer of the V&A's proposed discarded-cardboardboxes extension; and Happy Birthday Barry - from Gary (5pm R2) is a 50th anniversary tribute to B Manilow (left) from G Wilmot.

6.30 The Return of Ulysses. The second of Monteverdi's three second or woneverors unre-surviving operas. Cast includes Sara Fulgoni (mezzo), Christoph Pregardien (tenori), Chorus of the Grand Theatre Geneva, Su-isse Romande Orchestra/Michel Corboz. 8.55 Signs of the Times. Mark

Lawson and guests debate the social, ethical and cultural hin-terland behind the headlines. 9.40 Bartok. Sonata for solo violin

Including highlights from a rare solo recital by German pianist Joachim Kuhn. (1/3).

Gallois (flute), Saarbrucken RSO/Serge Baudo. Mendelssohn: Overture: Calm Sea and a Prosperous Voyage. Relnecke: Flute Concerto in D. Debussy: Syrinx. Beethoven: Symphony No 7 in A.

5.00 Sequence. 5.55-7.00am Open University.

Radio 4 92.494.6MHz FM; 1930Az (14) 7.00 Today. 8.58 Weather.

6.00am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
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6.55 Weather. 9.05 Sport on 4. 9.30 Breakaway. 9.30 Breøkaway. 10.00 News; Double Vision. 10.30 People Like Us. 11.00 News; Week in Westminster. 11.30 Europhile.

Choice

Pushing at the frontiers of modern

Gyorgy Pauk (violin). 10.15 Jazz at the Bath Festival.

Joacram vum, 175, 1.00 Through the Night. 1.01 Schubert. Thomas Zehelmat (violin), Heinrich Schiff (cello), Till Feitner (piano). 2.30 Flute and Orchestra, Patrick

sympnony no / ... ~ 4.00 Malcolm Bilson (fortepiano).

Charlotte Erickson: A Historian of Emigration. 6.15 Literature: Englands of the Mind. 6.35 Hopkins' Religious Poetry.

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1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbledy's guests in Ceredigion are the Rt Hon Lord Howe of Aberavon; Glenys Kinnock MEP, Patrick Minford, a Professor at Liverpool University and Cardiff Business School; and Dafydd Wigley MP, Leader of Plaid Cymru Parliamentary Party.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Any Answers?
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: A Small Country. Stan James's drama takes place in July 1914, when Torn comes home for the summer vacation to find his tather has left their Carmarthenshire

has left their Carmarthershire farm to live with the local schoolmistress. With Jack James and Dewi Rhys. 4.00 News; Leviathan. 4.30 Science Now. 5.00 File on 4.

5.40 Unbroken Volces. Children talk frankly about their parents. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Str O'Clock News.

6.25 Week Ending. 6.50 Ad Lib. 7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. Paul Finch talks to the Polish-born architect Daniel Libeskind, who has won commissions to create national millernium looks for two cities, including his compoversial spiral for the Boilerhouse annexe of the Victoria and Albert Museum. See Choice.
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Antigua Penny Puce. A dramatisation of the comic novel by

Robert Graves in which a struggle develops between a brother and sister over the ownership of a stemp collection. With Aden Gillett and Trevyn McDowell. 9.20 Music in Mind. 9.50 Yen to Ten. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Stanza.

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10.45 Colour Radio. 11.00 Striking Chords, Sarah Ward invites her guests classical composer and planist Richard Rodney Bennett, Radiohead guitarist Jon Greenwood and folk diva June Tabor to discuss their personal musical tastes.

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11.30 First Men in the Moon. By HG Wells. With Donald Sinden, James Bolam, Tom Georgeson and Gary Olsen.

12.00 News.
12.30 The Late Story: The Rebel by Madeleine Wickham.

12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00am As World Service.

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Satellite

SXY ONE 7.00am Undun (6683370). 11.30 Ghoul-Lashed (5908592), 11,50 Trap Door (2402405), 12,00 WWF (15028). 1.00 The Hit Mix (24776). 2.00 The Adventures of Brisco County Junior (95863). 3.00 Hawkeye (21115). 4.00 Kung Fu, the Legend Continues (33950). 5.00 Mysterious Island (2202). 6.00 WWF (48252). 7.00 Silders (45283), 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (54931), 9.00 Cops I (39134), 9.30 Cops II (16757), 10.00 Stand and Detiver (34509), 10.30 Revelations (85399), 11.00 The Movie Show (41979), 11.30 For-euer Knight (71047), 12.30 Dream On (63784), 1.00 Saturday Night Live (10852), 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix Long Pian (2009557)

Long Play (9928662).

6.00am The Sea Hawk (1940) (22259844). 8.10 Top Hat (1935) (91035950). 10.00 The Prince of Central Park (1977) (98739). 12.00 Sherwoods' Travels (1994) (76738). 2.00 Best Shot (1985) (68134). 4.00 Camp Nowhere (1994) (7134). 6.00 Family Reunion: A Relative Nightmare (1995) (48370). 8.00 Trial by Jury (1994) (50115). 10.00 The Pelican Brief (1993) (84330689). 12.20 Strike a Pose (1993) (2563535). 1.50 Vanishing Son IV (1994) (4480871). 3.20-6.00am Twice-Told Tales (1963) (58342622). 12.00 Shanwoods' Travels (1994)

MOVIE CHARGES. 6.00am Sharlock Holmes: Sign of Four (1993) (93592), 7.00 Robinson Crusoe (1972) (90080), 8.00 The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (1988) (84757), 10.00 Where the Red Farn Grows – Part 2 (1991) (38979), 12.00 Rigoletin (1993) (67080), 2.00 The Face on the Milk Carton (1995) (65776) 4 Of Receptivity (1995) (66776). 4.00 Bearstalk (1994) (91781738), 5.45 The Living Daylights (1987) (44423979), 8.00 Demolition Man (1993) (58757), 10.00 Blown Away (1994) (13196), 12.00 To Protect and Serve (1992) 4561771, 1.35 The Serve (1994) (456177), 1.35 The Sexual Life of the Belgians (1994) (4483968). 3.00 Ridd and Pete (1988) (395429). 4.45-6.00am Beanstalk

(1994) (4633626). SXX NONEZ COLO 12.00pm Dragnet (1987) (80080). 2.00 Heller in Pink Tights (1960) (40776). 4.00 Easter Parada (1948) (9776). 6.00 Starman (1984) (20912), 8.00 Dragnet (1987) (32757). 10,00 At Close Range (1986) (20806), 12.00 To Use and Die in LA (1985) (746177), 1.55-3.40am Comput-sion (1959) (200326).

ik eguj 7.00am Give Us a Clus (5312554). 7.30 Going for Gold (4988399). 7.50 The Sulfivans Omnibus (45611047). 10.00 Bergerac (5320573). 11.00 Lytton's Diary (5317009), 12.00 Neighbours Omnibus (30011221), 2.15 EastEnders Omnibus (73608592). 5.00 Till Death Us Do Part (7041080). 5.35 Get Some In! (2423028). 6.10 Syles (7522080). 6.45 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7044432). 7.20 What a Carry On! (2983467). 7.50 Bread (2436405). 8.30 Colditz (93625370). 9.35 Tenko c.30 (3002) (33023370), 9.35 letie (50693641), 10,40 Denger UXB (56040757), 11,45 Bresthing Lessons (1993) (1215405), 1,35 Public Eye (6462326), 2,30-7,00em Shopping at Night (2257968),

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Racing News (65660), 9,00 World
Wrestling Federation (46196), 10,00
Super League (80467), 12,00 World
League of American Football (83554),
1.00 Sports Saturday (3431405),
5.30 Golf USA: US Open (1455776),
11,30 Saturday Ringside (53757),
1,00-3,00am US Olympic Trials Track
and Field (23852). SECT SPORTS 2

7.00am Soccer AM (2449844). 11.00 Australian Rules Footbell (8459757). 1.00 The Asian Golf Show (3667825). 2.00 Saturday Ringside (9814660). 3.30 Golf: Slathis with the state of the stat (6035196). 2.30-1.0 World Wide Rugby. New Zealand v Scotland (4627009). 10.30 Australian Rufes Football (6035196). 12.30-1.00am Skiff Sall-Ing (9441018). LNETY

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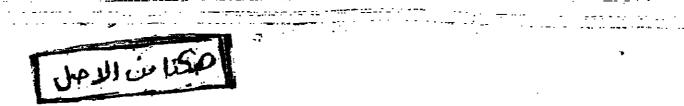
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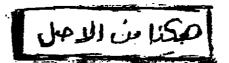
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Arthur Charlesby DSc PhD, Doctor
Honoria China, Father of Radiation
Chemistry and Emeritus Professor of
Physics, Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, the beloved husband of Ireae, brother of Sarah and
much loved uncle to many nieces
and nephews. The committal is on
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TODAY: Sir David Alliance, chair-man, Coate Viyella, 64; Mr Richard Baker, broadcaster, 71; Mr Simon Callow, actor, 47, Miss Mary Ellis, singer and actress, 96; Mr Ken Fletcher, tennis player, 56, Sir John Fretwell, former Ambassador to France, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert, 65; The Most Rev Trevor Huddleston, human rights campaigner, 83; Mr John Humphries, senior partner, Travers Smith Braithwaite, 71; Mr Henry McLeish MP, 48; Admiral Sir Charles Madden, former Commandation Madden, former Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, 90; Mr John Mor-Chief, Home Fleet, 90, Mr John Mor-rison, former President, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 83; Lord Mur-ray QC, a former Senator of the Col-lege of Justice in Scotland, 74; Mr David Newsome, former Master of Wellington College, 67; Miss Nico-la Pagett, actress, 51; Mr John Red-wood MP, 45; Miss Margaret Rudland, Headmistress, Godolphin and Laymer School, 51; Mr Sukindev Sharma, Chief Executive, Commis-sion for Racial Equality, 50; The Rey sion for Racial Equality, 50; The Rev Martin Smyth MP, 65; Sir Ninian

TOMORROW: Lord Aberdare, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords, 77: Mr Anthony Abrahams, advocate and solicitor, Brunei Darussalam, 73; and solicitor, Brunei Darussalam, 73; Lord Astor of Hever, company man-aging director, 50; Miss Eileen Atkins, actress, 62; Lord Patrick Beresford, bloodstock agent, 62; Mr James Bolam, actor, 58; Lient-Gen the Hon Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpen-ter, former Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, 58; Mr Michael Culver, actor, 58; Mr Tom Graveney, cricketer, 69; Mr John Hadfield, author and pub-

isher, 89; Professor Harold Hanham, Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University, 68; The Right Rev David Konstant, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, 66; Mr Rodney Lund, former chairman, Short Brothers, 60; Mr Neil MacGregor, Director, National Gallery, 50; Mr lan Matthew, singer and songwriter, 50; Professor Robert Matthews, political econo-mist, 69; Sir John Peel, former MP, 84; Lord Penry of Walton, former Vice-Chancellor, Open University, 75; Mr Enoch Powell, former MP, 84; Lord Richardson, former President, General Medical Council, 86; Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, Rolls-Royce, 64; Miss Helen Ryan, acress, 58; Mr John Salthouse, actor, 45; Pro-fessor Erich Segal, classicist and screenwriter, 59; Mr David Whelton, managing director, the Philbarmonia Orchestra, 42; Mr Simon Williams,

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Edward, the Black Prince, 1330; George Heriot, jeweller and goldszrith, 1563; Nicolas Ponssin, painter, 1594; Charles de Lafosse, historical painter, 1636; Edvard Grieg, composer, 1843; Charles Wood, mu-sician and scholar, 1866; Harry Langdon, silent film comedian, 1884; James Norval Harald Robertson-Justames Nova Haram Robertson-us-tice, film actor, 1905. Deaths: Robert I, King of the Franks, killed in bat-tle, 923; Wat Tyler, rebel, beheaded at Smithfield, 1381; Ary Scheffer, painter, 1858; Mihail Eminescu, poet, 1889; Charles Francis Bush, inventor of the arc lamp, 1929; Evelyn Underhill, poet and writer, 1941; Wendell Meredith Stanley, biochemist, 1971. On this day: the

Magna Carta was sealed by King John at Runnymede, near Windsor. 1215; the Turks were victorious over the Serbs at Kossovo, Serbia, 1389; during the rebellion against Mary of Scotland, her forces were defeated at the Battle of Carberry Hill, 1567; Harrow School was founded, 1571; Commodore Anson arrived at Spithead in his ship Centurion after circumnavigating the world, 1744; using a kite during a thunderstorm, Ben-jamin Franklin experimented with electricity, 1752; the first stone of the new London Bridge was laid by the Duke of York, 1825; in the United States, Charles Goodyear patented a vulanised rubber process, 1844; the Stamp Duty on newspapers in Britain was abolished, 1855; a massacre of Christians took place at Jedda, 1858; the Englishman Carlisle D. Graham went over Niagara Falls (for the sec-ond time) in a seven-foot barrel, and survived, 1887; Prince Peter Karasurvived, 1887; Prince Peter Kara-georgevich was elected king by the Serbian Assembly, 1903; the first non-stop transatiantic flight was com-pleted by Alcock and Brown, 1919; Dame Nellie Melba made a public broadcast from the Marconi works at Chelmstord, Essex, 1920; the British army launched Operation Battleage offensive in the Western Desert, but was remissed by Remmel. Desert, but was repulsed by Rommel, 1941; the Lake District, England was made into a National Park, 1951; Georges Pompidou became President of France, 1969; the first general election in Spain for more than 40 years resulted in a victory for the Demoresulted in a victory for the Demo-cratic Centre party, 1977; Maj-Gen Jeremy Moore accepted the surren-der of all Argentine forces on East and West Falkland, 1982. Today is the Feast Day of St Adelaide or Aleydis, St Dulas, St Edburga of Winchester,

St Germana Cousin, St Hesychius of Durostorum, St Landelinus, St Orsisius and St Vitus. Today is the Official Birthday of the Oucen.

TOMORROW: Births: Sir John Cheke, classical scholar, 1514; Giovanni Paolo Colonna, composer, 1637; Henrietta Stuart, Duchess of Orleans, 1644; John Linnell, painter, 1792; Julius Plucker, mathe and scientist, 1801; William Shake-speare, tenor and composer, 1849; Stan Laurel (Arthur Stanley Jeffer-son), film comedian, 1890; Lupino Lane (Henry Lupino), singer and en-tertainer, 1892. Deaths: John Churchill, First Duke of Marlborough, 1722; Charles Sturt, explorer of Australia, 1869; Crawford Williamson Long, surgeon who pioneered the use of ether, 1878; Margaret Grace Bondfield, trade union leader and first woman cabinet minister, 1953; Imre Nagy, Hungarian prime minister, executed 1958; Harold Rupert Leofric George, First Earl Alexander of Timis, Field Marshal, 1969; Sir John Charles Walsham Reith, First Baron Reith of Stone-haven, first Director-General of the BBC, 1971; Wernher von Braun, rocket engineer, 1977. On this days the siege of Gibraltar began with Spanish and French attacks on the rock, 1779; the Prince of Orange defeated Napoleon's army under Mar-shal Ney at the Baule of Quatre Bras, 1815; the London Working Men's Association was founded, 1836; in the United States, Henry Ford founded his motor company, and became its first president, 1903; the Automobile Association was founded, 1905; the first public meeting of the League of Nations council was held in London, 1920; mixed bathing in the Serpen-

tine in Hyde Park, London, was first permitted, 1930; Winston Churchill offered France indissoluble union with Britain, 1940; Marshal Petain took over the French government and took over the French government and asked Germany for an armistice, 1940; a Cathay Pacific Airways Catalina flying-boat was the first air-craft to be hijacked (by Chinese ban-dits), 1948; the first woman astronaut, Valentina Tereshkova, blasted off in Vostok 6, 1963; burglars were arrested the Democratic Party headquar-ters, Watergate Building, Washington, DC, US, 1972. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Aurelian, St Benno of Meissen, Saints Cyr and Julitta, Saints Ferrends and Ferruno, St Lurgard and St Tychon of Amath

Lectures

TODAY

National Gallery: Lynda Stephens, "Juno (iii): Rubens: Two paintings of The Judgment of Paris", 12 noon. Victoria and Albert Museum: Kate McKluskey, "Late 20th Century fur-niture design", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Painters as Pedagogues", 1pm. British Museum: Michael Wood, "Pilgrimage in South India", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery, David Livingstone Lecture Series: Colonel John Blashford-Snell, 'In the Steps of Stanley: practicalities of African travel", 3po TOMORROW

Thre Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "A Charm of Inspired Picture Titles: The works of Paul Klee", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: John K.D. Cooper, "William Hogarth as a Por-trait Painter", 3pm.

How to keep madness out of religion

obituaries/gazette

faith o reason

Paul Handley, the editor of the Church Times, argues this week that religion needs to remain a part of public life for its own good, as well as to keep society healthy.

It is healthy to be a fan. The lager cans stacked near the television for today's match might tell a different story; but better be a fan than a

The shorter word derives from the longer; but in the shortening the fan escapes the antics of those affected by the more serious condition. Fans know deep down that they have attached their loyalty to a fallible person or group of people. (For English fans this knowledge is closer to the surface.) Fans pray with their eyes open.

Fanatics, on the other hand, cannot admit to any failings in their heroes. They have invested so much of themselves that to withdraw would leave them bankrupt, both emotionally and, all too often, financially. Thus any failing which is exposed in the object of worship is denied, or willingly transferred to the follower, or attributed to hostile

Most of us stand in a muddy ditch between the two conditions, the confused world inhabited by organised and disorganised religions. To be a fan is healthy, but is it enough? Sceptical, humorous, post-modern adherence is rightly applied to a football team, or a rock band; but what degree of belief is appropriate to a political ideology, or a father, or a god?

Every now and then, in the wearisome search for life's meaning, we listen to the call of a shepherd who offers us guidance, and we take a few sheepish steps towards him. How close we approach depends more on our personal histories than on where he calls us - to green pastures, or the straight and narrow pathway, or over the rocks.

shepherds are the subject of in the open, it is less likely to Anthony Storr's forthcoming go bad. In public, religion is book, Feet of Clay (though the title could equally apply to a attempting to transform the work on the England team). attempting to transform the whole of society. It should In it he considers the make- be combating the indifferup and attraction of gurus, ence which makes us so suslargely from the 20th century, but with a quick, inadequate look at Jesus and Healthy religion, demands Ignatius Lovola

who become gurus - to a large degree a process of selfselection - are driven by a combination of conviction, delusion, confidence trickery and psychosis. His sketches of Jim Jones, responsible for to mature discipleship. Any the deaths of more than 900 experience which aids this is experience which aids this is followers in Guyana in 1978. to be welcomed. or David Koresh, who per-

ished with 86 disciples in Waco in 1993, make this hard to refute.

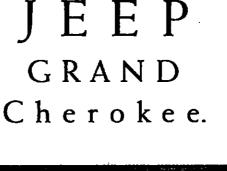
Most of those whom Storrprofiles, including Rudolph Steiner, Bhagwan Shree Raincesh and Carl Jung, experienced disturbed or isolated childhoods (similar to those of their most passionate supporters) and their belief in their own chosenness often dated from an early age. By the time they reached adulthood, the manipulation of others had become second nature to them.

forward stuff, since it is easy to understand the desire to dominate, even if few go to such lengths to achieve it. More difficult to grasp is how this destructive, selfish charlatanism actually benefited some of the followers. A survivor of one of the most repulsive gurus, David Koresh. described his time on the Waco ranch as the happiest days of his life.

The loyalty which victims of abusive people or regimes display is well-documented. Part of the reason is the contrast between the intensity of living with an abuser and the unfriendly anonymity of what passes for normal life. If neglect is recognised as a form of abuse for children, why do we discount its damaging effects in adult life? The pernicious technique gurus use for snaring disciples is usually nothing more sinister than taking notice of them. The Bhagwan might have had 93 Rolls Royces, but he had big eyes: you forgot about the cars when he looked unblinking-

ly into yours. It follows, then, that one of the protections against spiritual abuse is to keep religion public. As long as a religious leader's power to befriend, These last, most dangerous and to comfort, is used out doing what it is made for: whole of society. It should ceptible to the advances of the over-friendly weirdoes. that its disciples wrestle with He contends that those their idealism in the company of sceptics and unbelievers. The enormity of the task, the certainty of failure, and the constant questioning by others, encourages the selfmocking humility essential

Another lager, anyone?



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Dinners HM Government

Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, were hosts at a dinner given yes-terday evening by HM Government at Apsley House, London WI, in ho-nour of Dr William Perry, Secretary of Defeuce of the United States of America, and General John Sha-likashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States

of America. The Duke of Kent was

Royal College of Radiologists Dr R. D. Hunter, Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology of the Royal College of Radiologists, host-ed a dinner yesterday evening at 38 Portland Place, London W1, to mark the completion of Dr Margaret Spittle's term of office as Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology and Vice-President of the Royal College of Radiologists.

Royal Society of Edinburgh

The Royal Society of Edinburgh has announced the award of the following research fellowships:

BP/ RSE Research Fellowships: Dr Neil Robinson, Educhargh University: Dr Ion Shannon, St Andrews University. Caledonian Repearch Foundation/ ESE Personal Research Fellowhips: Dr Catherine Botting, St Andrews University: Dr Alison Pidoux, Western Gen-eral Hospital, Edinburgh: Dr Malcolm White,

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS TODAY: The Queen takes the Salute at the Ouecn's Birthday Parade, and at a fly past of Royal Air Force streraft from the Bal-cony of Buckingham Palace; Princess Margaret also attends, TOMORROW.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, attends the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's reception at the Guildhall, Windsor, Berkshire. The Duchess of Gloscester, Vice Patron, Queen's Club, presents the prizes at the Finals of the Stella Ariois Grass Court Championships at Queen's Club. London W14. The Duckets of Keat. President, attends fan well exlebrations for Sir

John Manduell, Principal, Royal Northern

Dundee University: Dr John Speakman, Ab-erdeen University. Scottish Office Education & Industry Department, RSE Personal Re-search Fellowships: Dr Kishan Dhohakia, N Andrew's University; Dr Nigel Wilding, Ed-inburgh University; Dr Pamela Ferguson, Dundee University.

Wills

The Rev Donald Bertram Harris, of London SWI, Vicar of St Paul's Knightsbridge 1955-78, left estate valued at £608,061 net.

Sir Richard Hugh Sedley Allen,

of West Wittering, West Sussex, Ambassador to Burma 1956-1962, left estate valued at £219,494 net. Sir Andrew Hunter Caruwath. o London SW13, managing director of Baring Brothers merchant bank 1955-74, left estate valued at £933,177 nct.

Sir Ralph Melton Bateman, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, the industrialist and President of the Confederation of British Industry 1974-76, left estate valued at £148,995 net. Mrs Rachel Georgiana Blakison. of London SW3, the author of Wohum

and the Russells, left estate valued at £370,073 not. Susan Gladys, Viscountess Ingleby, of Osmotherley, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £2,135,841 net. Mr John Robert Makin Pilling, of

ued at £7,943,003 nct. Mr Joseph Gold, of Hyver Hill, London NW7, left estate valued at £3,893,561 net.

College of Music, Manchester, Prizee Michael of Kent, Patron, Museum of Army Flying, attends the Middle Wallop International Air Show.

Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount-ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham: 1st Bat-talion Irish Guards mounts the Queen's minor ires courts memor inc charles Guard, at Backingham Palace, ipm. TO-MORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Borre Gards, 11am; F Company Scots Guards mounts the Ouecn's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Cold-

My nest is empty, and I love it

Fran Abrams enjoys her career, Sunday lie-ins and walks in the forest. She is one of a growing number of women who will be happy never to change a nappy

hearts I knew it already. but yesterday's news gave it an official stamp. I am not an enigma. I am a social trend.

My lack of maternal desire, it seems, is replicated in up to one fifth of my age group. Women born in the Sixties, as I was, are delaying childbirth until later and later. Many of us have jettisoned it altogether. According to the Office for National Statistics, women in their twenties and thirties are now twice as likely as those in their forties and fifties to end their lives without raising a It would be comforting for

the moral majority, of course, if we could attribute this plunge in fertility rates to the environment rather than to society. Pollution, falling sperm counts and the harmful rays emitted by com-puters would all be safe, quantifiable explanations with mea-surable solutions. But it is not so. It is now down in black and white. In inner London, 35 per cent of pregnancies end in abortion, while the national average has reached 20 per cent.

No doubt there will be a small outbreak of moral panic as the ripples caused by this revelation spread outwards across the social pond. Feminists, the unwed, professional women and all those dedicated to good. plain, childless fun should steel themselves for a renewed attack from the family lobby. The word "selfish" will be used freely and in my opinion, gra-tuitously. Selfish? Why? When I read articles about

the scourge of the self-centred career woman in the Daily Mail or the Daily Telegraph my right-cous umbrage is always tempered by a sneaking smugness. I congratulate myself with the thought that these are just the mean-spirited outpourings of women whose lives were marred by child-rearing, or who simply never had the choice.

Why should they feel so threatened? I ask myself. women for whom I have suddenly become emblematic have And many societies have proshrugged off the responsibilities that weighed so heavily on their mothers' shoulders. I eat out when I choose, stay late in the office when I choose and nip off to my country cottage at weekends. I bought my Fiesta Ghia

suppose in my heart of brand new and relished its newcar smell afresh every time I got into it for months. My house has fresh flowers on the piano and on Sundays I listen to The Archers in bed with a pot of tea and the papers. This weekend I will entertain friends - a childless couple and a gay man. We may take a stroll in the forest, eat a country pub lunch or sim-ply sun ourselves in the garden, listening to the cooing of the wood pigeons. I can almost hear Lady Olga muttering, "Take, take, take."

Maybe she is right, in a way. Maybe my generation could put more back into society. We benefited from a free education

I suppose there was a time when I assumed that I would have children, but the day always seemed impossibly far away

(sociology at York, if you must know) and from the increased freedoms that the feminist movement has won for women. Like the rest of society, we reap the fruits of a consumer age, but unlike the rest we have the time and the money to taste those delights.

The idea that bringing up

children is some sort of duty is a deeply-rooted one which is very hard to shake off. Its origins go back thousands of years and its purpose, I suspect, has much to do with keeping women in their place. Religious have championed the role of women as mothers and have afforded little status to those who remained childless. Nations, particularly small ones. have encouraged motherhood

stock and swell their numbers. moted the view that children are in some way necessary to their parents because they will look after them in their old age - a particularly risky reason for giving up 20 years of one's life. Perhaps there was a time, particularly in the aftermath of the two world wars, when Britain needed more children. Now, though, our population is plen-tiful. Britain does not have a labour shortage, though it does have a skills shortage, and for a small island it is extraordinarily densely populated. A few less of us would be no bad thing, and if the situation becomes critical we could even relax our immigration laws a little.

I must confess I was a little surprised when I discovered what good company I was in, though. I had assumed that my childless friends and I were rather odd. Perhaps, I speculated, we had a vital organ missing. Perhaps my mother took pity on me when I was small and removed from my brain the maternal widget with which all women are equipped. But no, if there are really so many of us, the reasons cannot be wholly biological.

I think that at least part of the explanation can be traced back

to our earliest days. I rang around some childless friends yesterday, and though most of them seemed to be off enjoying foreign holidays, many of those who were contactable agreed that their parents had high expectations of them. We grew up in an age of expanding educational opportunities, and although both my parents were graduates, many of my peers' were not. The common link was that all of our parents recognised the expanding opportunities that were open to their children, in particular their daughters.

I can recall many childhood conversations about what I wanted to be after I finished university, but none about who I would marry, or whether I wanted daughters or sons. And I always had an answer, too; though not necessarily a realistic one. By the age of four I had decided that being Tubby the Tuba's friend would not be a smart career move and had progressed to plans for a life in the circus. Aspirations to go into veterinary science, animal psychology and social work helped to fill in the intervening years before I finally plumped for journalism.

came first. And when my friends and I got there, when we finally got our foot on that career lad-der, we found that the world of work was very different from

the one our parents had known. We had to be determined and we had to be ready to grasp every opportunity. There was little chance of finding a husband, settling down round the corner from our parents and letting the rest come naturally. We had the feeling that if we turned our backs for a minute the whole economic world would So education and career have moved on again and we would never catch up. So we let babies slide for a while, enjoying the fine wine and the lie-ins. Then for some of us, the fruits that were forbidden to our

mothers' generation became just too hard to give up.

I suppose there was a time when I assumed that I would have children, but the day always seemed impossibly far away. It was only when I mornings at ballet classes failed approached near enough to focus on it that I finally decided it was not for me. Somewhere in the back of my mind I had already resolved not to struggle under the double burden of full-time work and three children which my mother carried, but I had not bothered to think very hard about how.

It was my contemporaries who really clinched it. The sight of friends my own age changing nappies, carting around vast quantities of baby equipment and whiling away Saturday to chime with my image of myself and of them. We simply weren't grown up enough for all

that ... were we? Of course, the barren-andproud generation aren't all the same. Some, like me, took off so fast down the road to economic independence that they were loath to turn back even far

enough to get married at all. They didn't have the same financial incentive that women had in earlier generations. They could look after themselves, thank you very much, and anyway those years living alone had

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Some of our contemporaries have got married but have stopped short of the decision to have children. Their lives, they say, are full enough already. They have enough trouble organising themselves and their husbands, what with the fulltime job, the gardening to do

and a couple of other hobbies besides. There simply isn't room in the schedule for a

A third group have settled with a partner and then just delayed, meaning to have a family later. One childless friend I rang yesterday, in the same relationship for many years, confided that she had been trying without success to get pregnant. Now in her mid-thirties, she knows her chan 23

are declining. "In my twenties I was desperate not to get pregnant. I didn't want to ruin my life. I had a negative thing about being a mother, but now I can think of positive things as well," she

She is right. There are many negative things about being a mother, not least the inflexible attitudes of employers in this country and the lack of decent childcare facilities. For a woman with a successful career and all the economic benefits that brings, the decision to become a mother is not an

easy one. But the difficulties are not merely economic and practical. There is another negative thing about motherhood that will make the current trend much harder to reverse; its image.

Mothering has always been a low-status activity, but in the past so was women's work. Our grandmothers, faced with a choice between ignominious spinsterhood, a little job as a nurse or governess and the role of wife and mother, had nothing to lose. The professional women of the 1990s have a great deal.

Lady Olga and her pais are not helping at all. Maybe hay-ing children is the most natural thing in the world, as they maintain, but that certainly doesn't mean all of us have to do it. I am desperately fond of my two nieces and even enjoy the company of my friends' children, but I wouldn't swap places with their parents for a big clock.

tions of women, from the suffragettes to the bra-burners of the Sixties agitated, broke the law and exposed themselves to ridicule to put me and my contemporaries where we are today. I, for one, am determined to enjoy my privileges to

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Jo Brand's wee

Euro 96 is well under way and it's interesting to see how different crowds react to their team. Holland, for example, always seems to have a very sprightly band on hand to knock out a few chart hits, whereas the Turkish fans appear not to be able to stop whistling when their team has lost possession. Considering that against Croatia the Turks didn't have the ball for most of the match, this led to an irritating high-pitched whining which went on for nearly all of the 90 minutes. I expect dogs all over the area were going bonkers.

After all the hype, it's a bit sad, too, to see great chunks of empty seats.

Perhaps it's time to drop the ticket price and let a few locals into the games.

at the hands of the press. It seems that journalists have been lining up to gleefully pull apart her late night show, which has not done too well in the ratings. I have seen toole too wen in the ratings. I have seen some appallingly tasteless and nasty attacks that have no place in civilised (yep, I know I'm pushing it with some tabloids) newspapers. So the show didn't work. Big deal. That should not mean the floodgates are open for every misogynist neanderthal to ply their nasty small-minded opinions on everything from her appearance to her clothes. Gaby Roslin has one thing that these bigoted, vicious little thugs do not have. She is a straightforward, decent, nice person and I bope she sticks two fingers up to the lot of them.

Gaby Roslin has had a shockingly bad time

I would like to thank a charming woman who wrote to me after I went on Question Time, praising my contribution. However, she then went on to say that the "bird's nest" on my head was an insult to "David" and the rest of the panel and the audience and the viewers. Unaccustomed as I am to such erudite political criticism, I should perhaps point out that, as yet, no law exists to prevent me having my hair how I want it. Should such a law ever come into being, I will flatten it down, comb it and live my life out as a gym teacher lookalike. Until then, birds' nests forever.

The intricate and intimate details of relationships always seem so tacky and trivial when thrown under the gaze of the courts and the press. The display of bitterness and revenge in



the public arena by the Geldof and Yates pairing is a good example of why it's a very good idea to keep your split as private as possible. Another example appeared in the press this week that illustrated the ridiculous things we do in private which we hope will never become public. A husband had criticised the dinner his wife made him, causing her to make a false allegation of rape against him.
"Criticising" actually involved the poor man expecting roast chicken and getting pie and potato instead, which he promptly lobbed out of the window. How on earth do you legislate for the childish things we do when we are wound up beyond belief by our partners? The judge made the man promise to stay away from his wife. The husband is now back with

his first wife. Hope she's good at roast

L!ve TV is a year old this week, so three sneers for the geniuses who have brought us topless darts and lunchbox volleyball. The latter is the usual sad attempt to even things up in the sex war by showing men playing velleyball with their genitals mphasised with different coloured bits of cloth. When will these people learn that looking at a bulge in a man's trousers is about as exciting as a car insurance ad in your local paper? Kelvin MacKenzie, the man (natch) behind Live TV, says that their standards are set by their viewers, which might explain why they hardly have any. And as for the News Bunny ... let's just hope myxomatosis comes back



The treatment of women as a commodity by Live TV is a symptom of the retrograde step we have taken in the western world as far as the rights of women are concerned. There is a growing trade in women happening in Europe, as many women from countries such as Russia and Hungary are tricked into seemingly attractive jobs only to find when they arrive at their destination that all that is on offer is a job as a prostitute, accompanied by beatings and rape if they do not comply. That some men are able to do this to women they don't know is a result of them being able to view women as nothing more than a receptacle for their emissions. A bigger group of men comply by turning a blind eye and utilising the services on offer. Women who complain about these kind of injustices receive a barrage of abuse based on their unsuitability as a sexual partner and "obvious" frustration.

Unfortunately, when women offend men by having a go at them about these matters, they are belittled and their opinion is dismissed. But if we don't watch it, we will go further backwards in time until we've lost more gains. So, I'll carry on slagging blokes off if they deserve it and balls to anyone who doesn't like it.

Boris Yeltsin seems to have pulled out all the stops to win the election race in Russia, even going to the lengths of throwing himself around in a dancing fashion to grab the youth vote. In my experience, this always has the opposite effect. It's a bit like your dad trying really hard to dance to Blur at a wedding. Any admiration you might have for him "having a go" evaporates as soon a he takes the floor.

Let's hope the Russians aren't taken in by photo opportunities. Lots of other nations are.

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The man who would rule Russia

sion programme Hero
of the Day last Tuesday,
Gennady Andreyevich
Zyuganov, the Communist challenger to President Boris Yeltsin in tomorrow's election, was asked if he was afraid of losing. He replied: "I am afraid for Russia. Gorbachev's five years destroyed the state and caused unheard-of humiliation, such as humanitarian aid. Under Yeltsin, the economy has fallen apart, impoverishment and crime are rampant. Another two years of such policies and we will lose

our country and money."
This is Zyuganov the candidate speaking a politician fishing for the votes of the poor, elderly and downtrodden, the millions of Russians nostalgic for the drab certainties of Soviet communism, He is thirsty for power, but he accepts that he must win it by attracting popular support in a free election. Yet there is another, darker side

to Mr Zyuganov, a former schoolteacher and apparatchik in the Soviet Communist Party's Propaganda Department. Consider the policy priorities outlined in his books Beyond the Horizon and Russia and the Contemporary World. Third is: "End mockery of the army, state security agents and police."

Nor are his opinions of Western the 1945-1991 years: "During this time, the West tried to use anti-Communist rhetoric about a 'free world' and hypocritical concern about 'human rights' as an ideological screen to hide its pursuit of its centuries-old geopolitical interests.

If Zyuganov defeats Yeltsin, he will seek to re-build the Soviet Union, warns Tony Barber

which require the weakening and, if possible, the annihilation of Russia."

It was probably the regurgitation of such banalities that ensured Mr Zyuganov's progression up the ranks of the Komsomol, the Communist youth league, in his native area of Oryol, south of Moscow. Born on 26 June, 1944, in the village of Mymrino, he worked as a physical education teacher before deciding that the Komsomol – the first stepping-stone to privilege and power in Soviet times - was the

such as folk dancing and smiling at

He has few hobbies but is proud that last year he earned a doctorate in philosophy from Moscow University. More embarrassing was a literary award from a pro-Communist writers' group whose previous win-ners included Fidel Castro and Radovan Karadzic.

After his spell in the Propaganda Department, he shot to prominence in 1990 when he was made a Politburo member of the Russian Communist Party, an organisation dedihardliners that a coup d'état was

The coup failed, Mr Yeltsin banned the Communist Party and the Soviet Union collapsed, but within a year Mr Zyuganov was back as co-leader of the National Salvation Front, a movement with ultra-nationalist, even neofastist leanings. The Russian Communist Party was allowed to re-emerge in February 1993 and, largely because of his impeccably inflexible socialist and nationalist credentials, Mr Zyuganov was elected leader almost unanimously.

There could be resistance, even civil conflict, if he tried to jail politicians from the Yeltsin era

His wife, Nadezhda, now an eng-neer at a Moscow watch factory, bore him a son and daughter as he moved up through the district, city and regional committee of the Komsomol, earning a reputation as a dour loyalist who always did the right thing: lay low.

vate man. He rarely appears in public with his wife; he answers tricky questions with a nervous chuckle; and during this campaign, he has never looked more awkward than when doing the things expected of Russian politicians running for office, cated to reversing the reforms of Mikhail Gorbachev. Now Mr Zyuganov's career becomes interesting Seeking to unite the conser-vative Communist and Russian nationalist opposition to Mr Gorbachev, he formed a movement called the Council for Popular-Patric fronces. I direc weeks detoire in Gorbachev's opponents in the KGB, army and party launched the abortive putsch of August 1991, Mr Zyuganov was among those who signed the infamous open letter, "A Word to the People", which served

as a kind of public warning from the

These days, he goes to great lengths to stress his moderation. No longer does he write for anti-Semitic publications such as Al-Kods, or assert publicly that the CIA planned and carried out the Soviet Union's destruction. Instead, he says: "If you take the 10 comnext to our platform, there is no dif-

Indeed, some proposals are modest: state support for the needy, more industrial investment, a bit of tinkering with Russia's privatisation programme but no wholesale attack on the new market economy. However, other elements of the Zyuganov world vision are not so

He longs to recreate the Soviet Union, or at least to forge a new Russian-led state including all or most former Soviet republics. He swears he would use only peaceful means, but the disturbing thing is that he should be contemplating such a step in the first place. Perhaps the Russian army is too disorganised, and the Russian economy is too dependent on Western assistance, for Mr Zyuganov to fulfil his neo-Soviet ambitions. But one of the Russian parliament's first acts, after the Communists won last December's elections, was to denounce the treaty that formally dissolved the Soviet Union.

Then there is the question of how Mr Zyuganov, as president, would treat his political opponents. Was it an accident that the Russian Communist press recently devoted an unusual amount of space to the imprisonment of two former South Korean presidents? Or was it a mes-sage to Mr Yeltsin to watch out? Few liberal Russians doubt that

Mr Zyuganov would seek to consolidate his victory by curtailing media freedoms, curbing opposi-tion activity and rigging future elec-tions. If he tried to jail leading from the Yeltsin era, there could be

First of all, Mr Zyuganov has to come first or second tomorrow, and then win the second round in early July. Many people, in Russia and abroad, are praying that he fails.

DAVID **AARONOVITCH**

Zips and doodahs

Show me an "authoritar-ian" and I will show you a parent. Until the birth of our first child we feel that censorship, moral guidance and authority are in place sim-ply to restrict our freedoms and curtail our enjoyment. What does it matter to us if homosexuals actually hold hands in public? Or if 17-yearolds smoke cannabis resin? But oh how very different things look when little Basil or Belinda is born. Suddenly we are in the position of steering another through life's shouls. and what before seemed "groovy" must now be seen in a very different light.

Personally I can measure the growth of my own moral maturity by my changing reac-tion to the film output of the Disney Corporation. Once I would have scoffed at those who, like the American Family Association, have accused Disney of "attacking family values". But I have changed my mind. Left-wingers have always been adept at inviting us to "decode the metatext" - to examine the deeper social and moral messages being con-veyed by pieces of art or music. So, night after night, as my innocent ones have rested their curly heads against my chest, I have been as busy decoding as Bletchley Park on a busy night in 1943. And I do not like what

For instance, can you name me one intact family to be found in any of Disney's major animations? Dumbo was dropped by a stork on his unmarried elephant mother. No Jumbo anywhere. In The Aristocats we have the Zsa Zsa Gabor-voiced mother cat and three small kittens. Not only is there no dad, but there is no reference to one. Instead we witness the consummation of a relationship between the female cat and the first male to come along (O'Malley, the alley cat). Beauty's mother is dead, as is Pocahontas's. The Little Mermaid's and Jasmine's (Aladdin) are simply and inexplicably absent. Cinderella, Mowgli and Wart (The e Book and The Sword in the Stone) are orphans, not to mention Donald's "nephews Hewey, Dewey and Lewey, Is this not an extraordinary record for a so-called "family entertainment corporation?

Even worse are the number of irregular relationships that

these children strike up with adults. Wart lives alone in a stone cottage with an old wiz-ard. Procchio is created out of wood by a single man and upon turning into a boy -snuggles up to him in a large bed, with a suspiciously sati-ated smile on his face. In the appalling Song of the South an ancient negro man inveigles children into his hut and tells them long stories. Whatever happened to "don't talk to strangers

Snow White features seven little men who live together, sleep together and bathe together. One, who seems constantly to be inchriated or worse, is called Dopey! Another

Sneezy was created at the height of the first great Hollywood cocaine epidemic

(created, let it be remembered, at the height of the first great cocaine epidemic in Hollywood) is known as Sneezy.

Petty theft is excused on grounds of poverty (Aladdin again); in Beauty and the Beast the natural hostility of a community to the bestial outside threat is depicted as protofascism, and Pollyanna's hero-ine (orphaned, naturally) subverts an entire community, including a robust preacher, turning them into a Sixties-

And how well the Disney liberals understand the power of language! Consider the use of double entendres in those catchy ditties available to all children on video, CD and tape. Older kids will surely not be unaware of the possibilities inherent in "Some Day My Prince Will Come", younger ones of the seductive, unclothed freedoms of "Bare Necessities". But these pale in comparison with the notorious "Zippedy doodah". We know what a zip is – and I think can guess at the doodah.

is this. Clean up your act and do it now. Otherwise, this father-stern, but loving-will not be buying any more of your merchandisc. Except, possi-bly, 101 Dalmations.

My message to Disney, then,

You would like to win. We need to

Ruth Wishart says there is more at stake than mere victory when Scotland play England today

See you, Nigel? You know not the meaning of angst. What have you to worry your little English head bout at 3pm this sunny afternoon? rou will hope, of course, that Mr Gassigne's culinary tastes will not have an to a late-night Chinese carry-out with a tequila chaser. You would be omforted to learn that your strike orce had concluded that disco dancng was an imperfect means of attainng optimum match fitness.

But for you, it is truly only a game. cotland v England. A sporting blip ncreasing marginally in importance recause giving these whingeing Jocks decent hiding would help ensure that he host nation did not depart Euro 96 mbarrassingly early. So you would ike to win. We need to. The prospect of beating England at Wembley causes he saliva glands of every humble ootsoldier in the Tartan Army to nove into extra time.

The Scotland manager publicly iffects irritation that this army would wap a place in the next round for a i-0 result in their favour today. In ruth, while Craig Brown badly wants to buck the normal trend and get his team into the final stages of a major tournament, he too is a not-so-secret plaid-clad fanatic. Used to wear a lammy to matches, did Mr Brown, perore he became manager.

So why should the Scots treat this ninor sporting fixture - the 108th such wash - as a major national virility symxol? For they do. To the hunger to duff England up at soccer add the hysteria hat greeted Scotland's Grand Slam ngby win over the ancient enemy in 1990, and the period of sustained turning which followed the failure produce a reprise in spring this year. This year is the 250th anniversary of he battle of Culloden. It was not Scotand's finest hour. Prince Charles

Edward Stuart had previously narched on England to claim the

hrone, but chose to make a tactical

etreat home after reaching Derby.

not a game of two halves so much as prefer to gloss over the fact that there were actually Scots fighting on both sides. In popular mythology, the guys in the black hats were English. And a mission to avenge has been woven into the Scottish psyche ever since.
This afternoon, you will see many

thousand of banners with Lions Rampant and bearing the arithmetical legend 1314. This is not the date of Culloden, but of Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce gained a rather more favourable result. Eat your heart out, Mel Gibson.

Each visit to Wembley is viewed through the prism of Bannockburn, and each fan devontly wishes to be there in person when we post one of our famous, if distressingly infrequent, victories. Thus far we have won

Back home, on Culloden Moor, it was ' just nine out of 28 Wembley encounters (though we would like five draws a bit of a rout. Armchair historians to be taken into consideration.) It will not shock you to learn that the recent. repetition of TV footage lovingly recording England's World Cup victory in 1966 is not right at the top of the Scottish viewing charts. The hallowed memory for the Scot is one year later when Scotland came to Wembley and beat the world champions 3-Scottish logic asserted that if you beat the World Cup holders, you are clearly the best team in the universe. Those of us who have followed this team to many World Cups know this is not precisely the case. There are many memories over which a compassionate veil is drawn involving such stirring results as a 1-1 draw with Iran. But to be a Scotland fan is to be

a born-again optimist. To know that

by the law of statistical averages.

The Tartan Army remembers Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce got a result Photograph: Edward Webb hope will sometimes triumph over

It did so in Birmingham last Mon-day when the Netherlands were not held to a draw by an equally skilful squad, but a desperately committed one. Part of the reason for that commitment was a heartfelt desire to make the starting line-up at Wembley today.

The thing is, chaps, we're all in this together. We all want very badly to beat you, Nigel. And that desire is fuelled afresh this week by what I can only call the casual arrogance displayed by many of my media col-leagues in the South. What mastermind at ITV thought "Jerusalem" would an appropriate anthem for a UK-wide audience of Euro 96? Nice tune, shame about the lyrics. And the thought of the lyrics so infiltrated the nostrils of viewers in Scotland that Scottish Television had a hasty re-think

and found a less inflammatory theme. Neither did homebound Scottish supporters thrill to the constant, unthinking reference by TV pundits to England as "we", implying that Ingerland was all of us. We are us. You are them down there.

Then there is the perennial assumption that the other UK contenders for sporting glory are parochial no-hopers. I noted Bryan Appleyard, in this very newspaper, was musing about the possibility of a British team to which the cream of the four nations might aspire. But it wouldn't really do, said Bryan, Ryan Giggs would be the only non-Englishman worthy of serious consideration. Strange, then, that Monaco should have written a multimillion pound cheque for our John Collins. Or that Andy Goram's abilities in goal should have defied the Dutch magicians.

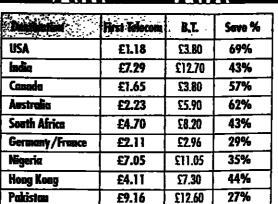
But there I go. Whingeing again.
Just like a bloody Jock - chip on every available shoulder. I shall, of course, be there in person this afternoon, tak-ing my place with my Scotland Travel Club platoon - the one that didn't stop at Derby or Birmingham but marched on to the capital with banners aloft.

After all, Scotland v England at Wembley used to be a biennial event. one for which Scottish fans saved in pubs and clubs for the pilgrimage. Deprived of that anticipation for eight years, the appetite is well and truly whetted. In the past, we used to run a pre-match victory lunch at our home before the Hampden leg - just in case there wasn't quite the same cause for jubilation at 4.45.

The precautionary measure this time is a holiday flight leaving London at dawn tomorrow. Not, of course, that we anticipate anything but glorious victory. But there's no point in hanging around, really. Just in case the English turn out to be bad losers.

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How a UK inspector halted the progress of the maverick trader who took Sumitomo for \$1.8bn

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY and NIGEL COPE

The Serious Fraud Office is to investigate the \$1.8bn (£1.2bn) loss resulting from unauthorised trading at the Japanese Sumitomo Corporation, the world's

largest copper dealer.
The SFO, which investigates major fraud in Britain, has taken on the case together with the City of London Police. It will be co-operating with London's Securities and Investments Board, whose original investigation unearthed the losses which were run up over a period of 10

The scale of the losses eclipse



Jeremy Orme: Led the SIB

losses at Barings and the \$1.1bn lost by Daiwa Bank last year from unauthorised bond trading by Toshihide Iguchi, one of its executives in the US.

Uncovering the scandal represents a coup for the Securities and Investments Board in London. The SIB has been tracking the affair for more than six months with a team led by Jeremy Orme, the SIB's enforecement division.

The SIB, together with the London Metals Exchange, had become concerned about the wild fluctuations in the copper price. On Thursday only hours before Sumitomo broke the news about its problems, David King, Chief executive of the

To many of his colleagues at

Sumitomo, Yasuo Hamanaka

was known as the "Man in the

Grey Flannel Suit". A quietly-spoken, shy, bespectacled 48-year-old, Mr Hamanaka appeared nothing like the mod-

ern-day image of an aggressive trader living in the fast lane.

market-trading community.

where he was an acknowledged

top operator, his buying and

selling activities led to him be-

ing dubbed "Mr Five Per Cent" trader," Mr Akiyama said.

Yet within the world copper

that minipulation is taking place. We have carried out inquiries and are looking at the issues on an on-going basis."

As copper prices plunged yesterday, there were fears that other copper traders might face financial difficulties. The threemonth copper price closed \$175 down yesterday at \$1,980 per

It was unclear yesterday whether or not Sumitomo had closed its trading positions. Dealings in Sumitomo's shares were suspended in Tokyo yesterday, however the scandal is unlikely to result in the collapse of the company which is one of the largest in the world with assets of around \$50bn.

Copper dealers said Sumito mo's losses could eventually reach \$2.5bn: "The copper market will remain extremely volatile," one dealer said. In a shame-faced press con-

ference in Tokyo, Sumitomo's president Tomiichi Akiyama placed the entire blame for the candal on 48-year old Yasuo Hamanaka, the former head of trading who was dismissed on

We deeply regret - and are profoundly embarrassed by these sever violations of our company's business policies," he said. "I am overwhelmed with shame." Later he added that Mr Hakahama had carried out the trades on his own initiative. "It wasn't discovered for 10 years because of a highly skilled cover-up operation.

However, other copper ex-perts are certain Mr Hamanaka was acting in concert with others. "There must have been people in the London market who knew what he was doing," one expert said. One metals analyst agreed:

He must have been booking fake trades and rolling them over. There has to have been

The trail to the epic fraud be-gan with the Securities and Investments Board, the City regulatory authority. Together with the London Metals Ex-

contradictory images of the

same man finally exploded into

the public arena yesterday,

when a stunned Sumitomo an-

nounced that Mr Hamanaka

had lost the company \$1.8bn

(£1.2bn) over the past 10 years.

president, Tomiichi Akiyama,

seemed at a loss to explain how he could have misjudged him. "My impression of him was

that he was a man of great

control, a man of logic, so I

trusted him as a very able metal

In Tokyo, even Sumitomo's



Taken for the most expensive ride in history: a rueful official outside Sumitomo Corporation's headquarters in Tokyo yesterday

the volatility of the copper price. Certain rumours in the market had also given cause for

One of the anomalies Mr Orme at the SIB focused on was the causes of backwardisation in the copper price. This is when the immediate (cash) price of the commodity is high-er than the futures price. This is unusual with copper due to the cost of warehousing and insuring the metal. Normally the cash price is lower.

A further problem for the investigators was that much of the metals trading in London operates outside of the Exchanges jurisdiction. Market professionals use the base price of cop-

itomo in 1970 and spent all his time in the metals department.

ally shift employees' jobs every

nior official at a large brass mak-

er and a customer of Sumitomo.

"But Mr Hamanaka has been

involved with the copper section

for more than 20 years - quite an unusual career." "Mr Five

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London at the start of his career,

he always turned down overseas

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"lananese trade houses usu-

A copper-bottomed dealer named Mr Five per cent

Per Cent" was also unusual in Per Cent" because his non-fer-

postings, preferring to remain pany the biggest player in the

deals on their own account. It is one of the few markets left with this relatively low level of regulation.

SIB mounted an investigation

under Section 105 of the Financial Services Act which enable them to take evidence from clients and official sources.

don briefly in the late 1970s to

learn the London Metal Ex-

change business first-hand as a

young clerk in tin and nickel.

Back in Japan, by 1983 he was selling about 10,000 tonnes a

year of copper and by the end

of the 1980s he was a power in

the world copper market. In-

dustry officials say they nick-

named Mr Hamanaka "Mr Five

rous metals division controlled

nearly 5 per cent of world cop-

per trading, making the com-

The trail led to Mr Hamanaka, known as "Mr Five per Cent" because of the huge proportion of the world copper market he controlled. During a 26 year career he had built up a reputation as a skilled and aggressive trader. Based in Tokyo but conduct-

"The Hammer", was a play on

his name and the way his deals

could "hammer" the market,

they added. As Sumitomo and

the copper market discovered

vesterday, none of his coups was

quite as spectacular as the one that saw his balance sheet move

Sumitomo took daily metal

trading out of his hands last

month as its investigation into

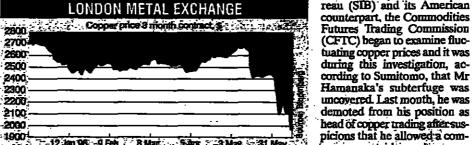
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and more questions. He was

moved from the position of

chief copper trader to become

so staggeringly into the red.



Sumitomo's name in a copper trading account. The mere hint ing many of the deals through London and New York, Mr Hamanaka controlled a team of that he might be on the way out was enough to drive down copup to seven copper traders but saw himself as very much "the Further investigation by Summain man". He had a reputa-

itomo revealed a hitherto untion for taking long positions on known bank account held in the company's name which had ap-Late last year, Britain's Separently been used to fund securities and Investment Bucret and unauthorised trades on reau (SIB) and its American copper futures and options. counterpart, the Commodities According to the Corporation, Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) began to examine flucaware that he was about to be tuating copper prices and it was during this investigation, ac-cording to Sumitomo, that Mr unmasked, Mr Hamanaka con-Hamanaka's subterfuge was uncovered. Last month, he was demoted from his position as

outsider to use

ager of the firm's non-ferrous

Married with a daughter, he

always fiercely guarded his pri-

vate life, once berating a jour-

nalist for calling him at home

with a question about the cop-

per market.
His colleagues were unable yesterday to come to terms

with Mr Hamanaka's new-

found notoriety: "He nearly al-

ways dressed in a grey suit. We

always thought of him as Mr Corporate," a young trader

metals division.

wailed yesterday.

fessed to his activities on 5 He had been conducting "off-

the-books" trading for a decade, apparently in an effort to recoup spiralling losses, and was formally sacked yesterday. Comment, page 19

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David King, chief executive of LME, hours before Sumitomo drops its bombshell

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president of Sumitomo

Yasuo Hamanaka: 'The man in the grey flannel suit'

Battle over TransCo intensifies

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The Monopolies Commission vesterday looked certain to be drawn into the battle between British Gas and Ofgas over its recent review of the TransCo pipeline business after the gas group launched a wide-ranging

attack on the proposals.
Unveiling its detailed response Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, said: "If at the end of the day we don't get an Ofgas proposal which we regard as acceptable, we believe we can take a case to the MMC which they will regard as credible and sensible." Mr Rogerson claimed that

several of the assumptions under which the regulator. Clare regulatory system." Spottiswoode, had arrived at her conclusions were wrong and

could endanger the security of supply of gas in the UK. She was overturning established principles in reducing British Gas's assets for regulatory purposes to between £9bn and £11bn.

Her proposals were unrealistic, unsustainable and threatened the successful introduction of domestic competition in 1998. If implemented, "they would represent a very significant interference in the right of management to manage". He said there was no personal

animosity against Ms Spottis-woode, but he attacked "the huge untrammelled power of a single individual. What we are seeing is the power of an individual regulator to change the

He said it would "probably be helpful" if the regulator had

a board of non-executive directors akin to that of a commercial company to provide a check

Although both sides are understood to have met this week, the gulf between them was evident from Mr Rogerson's complaint that three key reports on which the Ofgas proposals were based had been withheld from the company.
While British Gas had sup-

plied 1.200 documents to the regulator, it had been refused a Coopers & Lybrand study of the company's operating costs, a report by consulting engineers WS Atkins on capital expenditure and the financial model used by Ofgas. Mr Rogerson said Ofgas's de-

mand for a 4 per cent a year cut from the FT-SE All Share. in controllable costs was unre-

alistic and translated into a productivity improvement of 10 per cent of sales, or four to five times the national average. 50 per cent in areas like safety, on which British Gas currently spends around £140m a year, and a halving of the current workforce of 20,000. "We could

many people." He threw back the regulator's claim that the pricing regime had unduly favoured shareholders. Since privatisation in 1986, customers had seen prices fall by 23 per cent, while share-holders have enjoyed a return of 4.5 per cent a year, including dividends, less than half the 9.3 per cent average derived

Comment, page 19 | tor. The group already operates

Dynamic Harm nets £14m from squash

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Harm Tegelaars, who founded Dynamic Leisure in 1980 with the proceeds of the sale of his house after discovering how badly managed squash clubs were, yesterday netted a £14m windfall after selling his company to Vardon.

Vardon, the leisure group

that owns the London Dungeon, will increase in size by 50 per cent following the £40.5m purchase of Dynamic Leisure, which trades as Archer Leisure. The acquisition takes Vardon, founded in 1992, into leisure clubs for the first time and completes its plans to develop a broad base in the leisure seca string of bingo clubs, Sea Life centres and the Park Dean chain of caravan parks. Dynamic Leisure runs 25

leisure operations for eight local authorities, owns nine health and fitness clubs operating under the Metropolitan name and three public lawn tennis clubs. Forecast profits of £4.5m for

year to December are expected by analysis to raise their predictions for the enlarged Vardon group's pre-tax total from £9.14m last time to £12.4m. Consideration for the acquisition will be through the issue of 33.8 million shares and £3.1m in cash, raised through a placing at 118p a share.

Dynamic Leisure for the current

across City's boardrooms • JOHN WILLCOCK Arise Sir John Craven, Sir Nigel Rudd, Sir Richard Evans and Sir

Gongs ring out

Clive Thompson. The Queen's Birthday Honours list will have brought delight to a number of City and industry big-wigs, in-cluding knighthoods for the above.

Sir John Craven, chairman of Morgan Grenfell Group, has got his knighthood "for services to banking and to the City". The South African-born banker res-urrected Morgan Grenfell following the Guinness debacle in the 1980s, and then sold Morgan on to Deutsche Bank.

Sir John recently stood down from the Vorstand, Deutsche's ruling council, but he remains influential as Morgan Grenfell continues its pell-mell hiring of talent. Whether Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will succeed in becoming one of the world's 10 leading bulge-bracket investment banks remains to be seen, but Sir John's impact has been

Sir Nigel Rudd is one of the few 1980s whizz-kids to have survived that dizzy decade and reinvent himself as one of the great and the good. Born in Derby, and having built his first modest fortune while still in his twenties, Sir Nigel then teamed up with Brian Mc-Gowan to build an industrial conglomerate from the detritus of British manufacturing. Despite the failure of similar go go companies such as British & Commonwealth, Williams Holdings was more conservative in its growth rate and is still

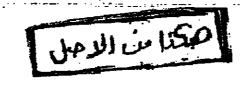
Sir Clive Thompson, chief ex-ecutive of Rentokil Group, has presided over one of the bestperforming shares in the last 15 years. Sir Clive is known as "Mr Twenty Per Cent" because he has delivered 20 per cent carnings growth per annum over that period. He has also emerged battered but unbowed from the recent takeover battle for BET. Sir Richard Evans CBE, chief

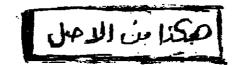
executive of British Aerospace, gets his knighthood "for services to the aerospace and defence industries." Having been roundly criticised for BAe's poor performance he is now getting plaudits for turning it around. Other knights include Sir David Barnes CBE, chief executive of Zeneca Group, "for services to the pharmaceuticals industry", and Sir William Brown CBE, former chairman of the Scottish Arts Council and of Scottish Television, "for services to the arts and to broadcasting". Sir Leonard Chaistrey, Lord Mayor of London, also gets a knighthood for services to the City. A leading surgeon, Sir Leonard has spent much of his professional life at Bart's Hospital in the City.

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A sudden moment of triumph for the SIB

It looks like a case of egg on face for the London Metal Exchange and a "well done" pat on the back for the Securities and Investments Board. The LME could hardly have been more unfortunate in the timing of its announcement that all was well in the turbulent copper market. Within hours, Sumitomo had confessed to the world the activities of its home-grown rogue trader Yasuo Hamanaka, The LME's ignorance of Mr Hamanaka's antics might seem bad enough; to make matters worse, it was another British regulator, the SIB, which uncovered the mischief. How could the LME, one of the world's premier metal mar-

kets, have been so asleep at the wheel?
To be fair on the LME, it appears to be the case that it is both powerless to act over and ignorant of much of what goes on in the London copper market. A substantial part of futures and physical market activity in copper takes place over the counter, protessional-to-professional (or not so professional as the case may be). Since such activity is outside the LME's sphere of influence, it is also unsupervised and unregulated. When rumours first surfaced about possible manipulation of the market towards the end of last year, the LME was forced to seek the assistence of the SIB, with its wider powers of investigation among those outside the regulatory net. Sumitomo, despite extensive trading through the LME, is not a member of the Exchange, nor does it come within the

ambit of any other UK regulatory authority.

that it was the SIB that alerted Sumitomo to a potential problem. Mr Hamanaka himself was another Nick Leeson, albeit a cleverer, more high powered and more persistent one. To cover up losses, Mr Hamanaka was forced to take ever larger positions, digging himself ever deeper into the mire as he tried to gamble his way out of it. Mr Hamanaka was what is known in Japan as a bucho. This is a very privileged and senior position in Japanese business and it helps to explain why he was able to get away with it for so long. His superiors would have had total trust in what he did. His trades would have been accepted without question and he would have been almost completely

Like Daiwa, Barings and Kidder Peabody before it, then, this seems to have been another case of inadequate internal banking controls rather than a failure of outside regulation. Indeed, the SIB has rather managed to turn the whole episode into some thing of a triumph for the UK regulatory sys tem. Leaving aside the little matter of the LME's embarrassment, the SIB was both diligent and effective in pursuing allegations of manipulation in the copper market. And it eventually found out who was responsible. Furthermore, Japan now moves brisquely ahead in the score card of financial scandals London as a financial centre is boosted be seen. If the Sumitomo affair follows precedent, it seems certain that there would be a UK conduit for his trades. The possibility of collusion cannot be ruled out. There is perhaps still time for the LME to

Airbus begins a painful and necessary process

here are not many examples of success-I ful pan-European co-operation these days, but Airbus is one of them. Scarcely noticed, this consortium of British, French, German and Spanish aerospace companies has grown to be getting on for the largest single enterprise in Europe. Most of its aircraft are superior to those of its chief rival, Boeing, and from a standing start it has managed to carve itself out a formidable position in world markets. But there is one important gap in its armoury: it doesn't have anything to compare with Boeing's jumbo. Boeing's monopoly position in this market enables it to cross-subsidise into the rest of its range. giving it a very considerable competitive

advantage over its European counterpart.
Airbus wants to change that. These plans don't come cheap, however. Development of the A3XX, Europe's answer to the jumbo, is going to cost \$10bn or more. Only partners - including, heresy of heresies, perhaps those from outside Europe.

Which is why Airbus must soon begin the slow and painful process of incorporation. What makes this doubly tortuous is that the British Acrospace part of Airbus is a good sight more profitable than the French and German parts. On Anglo-Saxon measures, therefore, it should be worth a good deal more. Unfortunately the profitability of the various parts doesn't tally with the present structure of ownership. The French and Germans have nearly 38 per cent apiece, with

BAe at only 20 per cent.

It can readily be seen that this is not going to be an easy negotiation. The French, even more than the Germans, do not believe short-term profitability is any guide to value or worth. The fact that Aerospatiale makes big losses on its Airbus interests is not regarded by the French as relevant. Plainly, there is a big conceptual gulf here. With the potential opportunities and rewards so great, however, it is one that deserves to be

Gas dispute goes to the last resort

With much lanfare, British Gas yesterday launched its counter-attack against

The full story of how the SIB found out accordingly. Whether regulators and invesabout Mr Hamanaka's activities has yet to be told, but it certainly seems to be the case and of Mr Hamanaka's activities remains to be told, but it certainly seems to be the case and of Mr Hamanaka's activities remains to be told, but it certainly seems to be the case and of Mr Hamanaka's activities remains to be told, but it certainly seems to be the case and or, bringing in other mortals, it is hard to know whom to believe. British Gas or Ofgas. The venom of British Gas's response would perhaps suggest that the regulator has indeed been too harsh. Certainly few would disagree with its comments on the arbitrary, personalised and unaccountable nature of regulatory decision-

business

making. The system is a disgrace and the sooner it is reformed the better.

But equally, the cries of pain emanating from British Gas could be no more than bluster. It may well be that the regulator is getting the balance between customer and shareholder interest about right. With no sign of the gap between the two sides clos-ing, the whole thing must inevitably end up before the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission. The two sides are so far apart that they might as well be on different planets. On virtually every issue, from the size of the allowed depreciation charge through the supposed scope for effeciency gains, they are divided. Even on the matter of how British divided, Even on the matter of how British Gas has performed as an investment, which you would have thought a matter of record, they cannot agree. An MMC inquiry will absorb huge amounts of British Gas's time and energy, but none the less it seems the most appropriate way of resolving the rese most appropriate way of resolving the row. Discredited though the MMC might be, it is the only court of last resort we have in these matters. Hopefully it will reach a conclusion we can all have confidence in.

Newsprint costs flatten profits at Portsmouth

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

High newsprint costs, an extensive capital investment programme and the loss of national newspaper printing contracts have flattened profits at Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, the publishing and convenience shop company.

Pre-tax profits before extraordinary items were down marginally at £9m for the year ending 30 March, from £9.3m last year, reflecting what the company called "difficult trading conditions". The shares lost 15p to close last night at 690p. The company declared a final dividend of 9.01p, for a total of 2.87p on the year, 10 per cent

more than last time. Charles Brims, chief execu-tive, said the results were in line with expectations, but conceded that the loss of the contract to print the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday had been a

disappointment. He added, how company aimed to sign up a national newspaper in 1997, once new presses at Hartlepool and Sunderland were opera- One Stop Community Stores tional. "These will be state-of-

capital projects in the year, with a similar amount budgeted in fiscal 1997. The flat profits in the financial year were offset by a £10m exceptional gain on the sale of the Croydon Advertiser, sold to Southern News late last year. Mr Brims said the sale would allow the company to consider making acquisitions elsewhere in the UK, where the regional newspaper market is undergoing a period of rapid consolidation.

"Two years ago, we thought the situation in the regional market was relatively stable, and didn't expect opportunities to expand," Mr Brims said. "We are now looking at possibilities, and the sale of the Croydon Advertiser Group gives us the means to do so.

Difficult trading conditions in the newspaper market are expected to be offset in the future by supplying services to the electronic media, including audiotext, cable television and the Internet.

from core newspaper publishing and printing, developing a chain of convenience shops. underwent rapid expansion in the art kit and of very high quality," Mr Brims said.
The company spent £23m the year, rising from 22 to 122 outlets. Mr Brims warned the high proportion of new shops on the new presses and other would mean lower revenues.

IN BRIEF

 Somerfield, the supermarkets group owned by the heavily indebted Isosceles, will float next month with a value of around £500m. One in five of the shares will be marketed to private investors via share shops nationwide.

David Simmons, the chief executive, is widely credited with hauling the group back from the brink since 1993, and he says a float is essential to provide Somerfield with sufficient capital for its store-opening programme.

• National Westminster Bank said it had completed the sale of its 17.7 per cent shareholding in 3i Group, the venture capital company, for £464m. Nat West, which announced its intention to company, for £464m. NatWest, which amounced its intention to make the sale earlier this month, said the shares were mainly placed with institutional investors.

Peter Black, the footwear firm, is closing Newbold, its UK ladies formal footwear business employing 400 staff, at a cost of £6m. The company said Newbold's trading position was not viable and internal forecasts had indicated significant future losses. Despite the closure, due before 31 October, it expects year-to-June results in line with market estimates.

• Yorkshire Electricity plans to return further value to share-holders "at some later stage", its chief executive Malcolm Chatwin said. He was speaking as the company reported pre-tax profits, including a £20m contribution from the National Grid, of £219m, up from £217m last time. Noting that Yorkshire Electricity had already paid out more than £360m to shareholders in the form of two special dividends. Mr Chatwin hinted that further payouts were on the cards as the company's balance sheet remained strong.

 The Personal Investment Anthority, the financial services regulator, said that it would peg its 1996-97 membership fees at the same levels as last year after its annual accounts showed a surplus of £1.06m on income of almost £50m.

 Up to a million jobs are at risk in the car industry in Europe during the next 10 years due to expected cost-cutting in distrib-ution, a report by KPMG Management Consulting said. The posts will go mostly in car retailing, which accounts for about a third

 Ian Byatt, director-general of Ofwat, the UK water regulator, has asked water companies to submit water efficiency plans to him before October as part of enforcing their statutory duty to promote efficient water use.

 The Department of Trade and Industry has awarded licences to operate Europe-wide paging services in the UK to seven operators, including British Telecom, the Cable & Wireless subsidiary Mercury Communications, Vodafone and four others.

• BPB Industries will pay Matte Group £37m to acquire joint control in El Volcan, a Chilean gypsum company, in which Matte has a 53 per cent stake.

Sainsbury's share of the UK grocery market was incorrectly stated in yesterday's paper. The AGB figures for the four weeks to 2 June show that Sainsbury's share was 18.6 per cent not 16.6

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SEAQ VOLUME

Whether the feel-good factor has filtered through to the high street may still be a subject for debate but there is growing evidence retailers are feeling much better in the stock market

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Their efforts helped contain an FT-SE 100 index slide to 8.1 points with Dixons the best-performing blue chip with a 14p gain to 548p, a 12-month

There have been some encouraging high street statistics recently but it was a more down to earth report, from a leading retailer, that fuelled the latest interest.

The John Lewis partnership, which runs department stores and the Waitrose supermarket chain, said its latest weekly numbers showed department store sales up 21.4 per cent with Waitrose achieving a 21.2 per cent advance. The recent interest rate cut and hopes of another within a

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Marks & Spencer was another riding at a high, up 11.5p to 486p; Kingfisher rose 13p to 640p and Argos 10p to 767p.

The rest of the market was inclined to dilly and dally with the turmoil in the metal market creating anxiety, although the ghost of Nick Leeson is un-

likely to have much direct in-

fluence on shares.

However, some are in the firing line. RTZ, the mining group which has felt the vibrations of the volatile copper price, was little changed at 973p but Delta, citing the copper price as a factor, warned half-year profits would be "appreciably below" the £29m in last year's second half. It is taking a £3m hit from the fall in copper prices.

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MARKET REPORT
DEREK PAIN
Stock market reporter

of the year

With year's forecasts slashed - Crédit Lyonnais Laing has cut from £74m to £60m - the shares fell 33p to 360p.
Worries about the Russian

election was an inhibiting influence and the latest outbreak of hostilities among the Tories also dampened sentiment. Siebe, the engineer, edged ahead 4p to 888p. It is hosting an analysts presentation at its Foxboro plant in the US next week with about 40 researchers US expected.

Vickers put on 7p to 260p

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Vickers put on 7p to 260p following its dockland investment presentation late on Thursday. The medical division appears buoyant and Rolls-Royce cars achieved better-

than-forecast first-half sales. Cookson, the industrial materials group, remained under pressure following profit downgradings, falling a further

12p to 295p.

The National Westminster Bank's sale of its 17.7 per cent shareholding in 3i, the investment group, went smoothly with the shares going out, mainly to institutions, at 445p, a little higher than expected. The sale raised £464m for Nat West, still cash-rich despite recent expansion such as the £385m splash for a US broker. 3i ended at 457p, up 10p.

the £385m splash for a US broker. 3i ended at 457p, up 10p. Manchester Utd gained 6p to 465p. Martin Edwards, chief executive, has sold another

450p and a children's settlement has unloaded 1.5 million the same price. The sales, representing 6 per cent of the football club's capital, reduce the Edwards holding to 17.16 per cent. Mr Edwards has undertaken not to dispose of any more shares for a year. In April he lightened the Ed-

f4.4m through share sales. He has pulled in more than £20m through the two disposals.

Capital Radio shaded 3p to 679p as French group Havas placed 13.8 million shares (19 per cent) at 675p with institutions. Real Time Control, the computer group, had another difficult session, falling 19p to 194n.

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Newcomer Theo Fennell, a jeweller, showed a little sparkle, ending at 123p against a 118p placing, the price touched 137.5p. Renewed talk of a positive drugs announcement lifted ML Laboratories 14p to 448p but British Biotech slipped 52p to 2,698p.

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The surprise departure of its chief executive left Bakyrchik
21p lower at 464p.

Magnum Power, which has

Magnum Power, which has developed an uninterruptible power supply unit for computers, fell 9p to 94p; there was talk a touchy relationship had developed between the company and its stockbroker, Henry Cooke Lumsden.

MAID, the on-line infor-

mation group, improved 7p to 320p, after 329p. In the past week it has attracted a round of analytical support with Merrill Lynch describing the company as "one of the best internet plays on the market".

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Williams de Broe has also produced a buy recommendation and two US houses, Bear Stearns and Van Kasper, made positive noises. The shares floated at 110p two years ago.

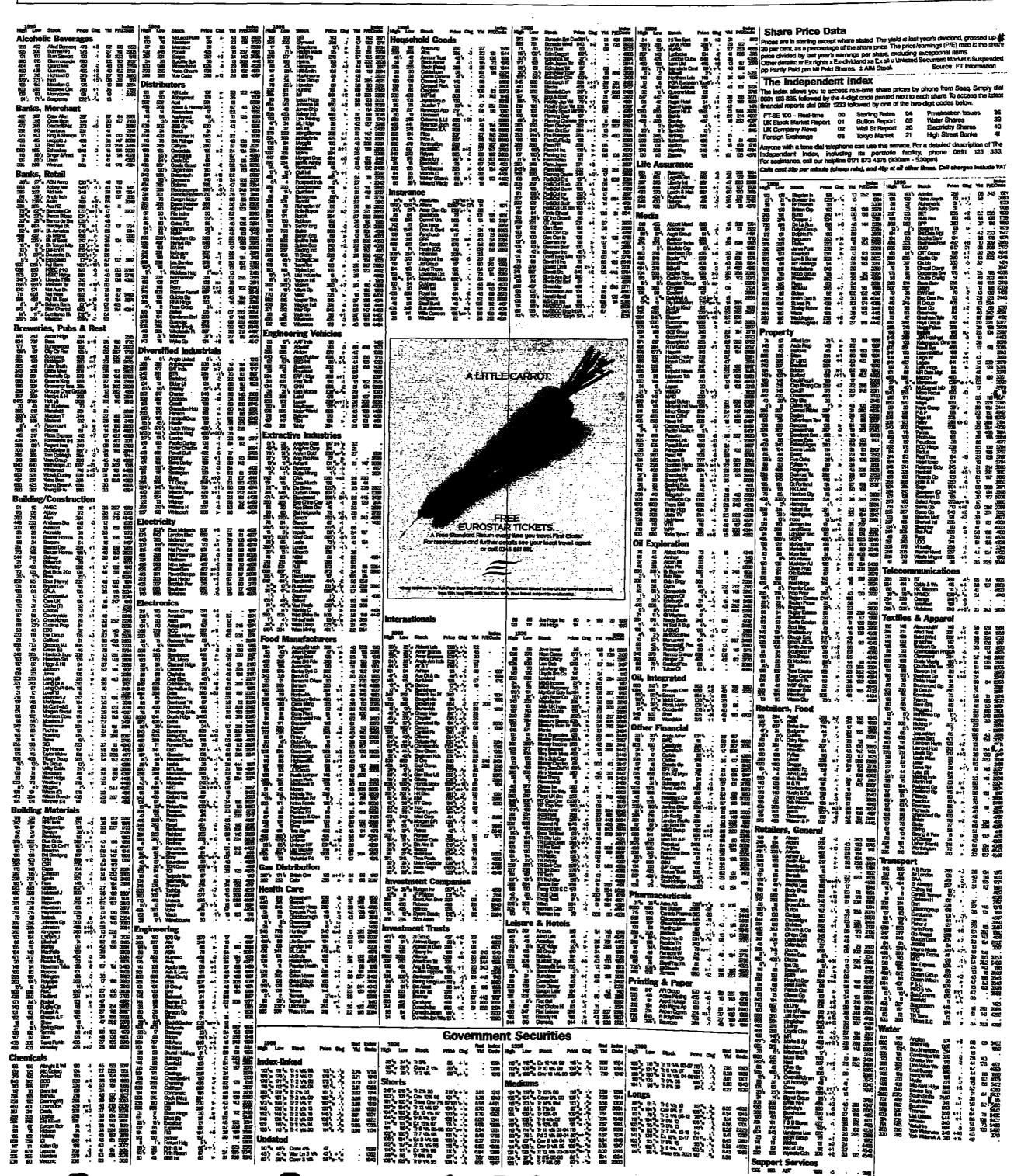
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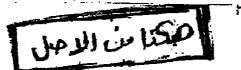
Inoco, once an oil business and now a property operation, could soon disappear from the stock market. Chairman and controlling shareholder David Rowland, who was something of a whizz-kid in the 1960s, is thought to be thinking of making an offer to the rainority shareholders. The shares

added 2p to 13.5p.

TAKING STOCK

World Fluids, which has had a depressing run, could soon get a much needed lift. The Irish company, little more than a shell, is hoping to acquire Peterhead Crane Co, a crane hire operation, and International Cranes & Equipment, a plant trading company. Peterhead, under chief executive Roger Taylor, has become a powerful force in the crane hire and off-shore oil services in North East Scotland. World Fluid shares are 5.25p.





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Harris falls back into old habits

Athletics

While two American Olympic greats are setting out on the gold trail one more time, another fallen Olympic hero is again in

While Carl Lewis and Jackie Joyner-Kersee prepared for the United States track and field trials in Atlanta this weekend, hurdler Danny Harris dropped out of the meet, announcing he had relapsed into cocaine use.

Harris, the 1984 silver medal-ist in the 400 metres hurdles and a favourite to capture a spot in the Olympic team this year, said he failed a drug test last month after winning a grand prix race in Brazil in 48.08 seconds - the

fastest time in the world this year. Harris, who missed the 1992 Games while serving a two-year suspension for cocaine use, said in a written statement: "I accept full responsibility for my actions. It is my intention, whether I am or am not able to compete again in the future, to meet this problem head on."

Lewis, trying to become the first male American track and field athlete to make a fifth Olympic team, said news of Harris' relapse "feels like a

punch in the stomach." "He's a good man, and that's what we need to save," Lewis said. "The career is secondary."

Seventeen days shy of his 35th birthday, Lewis is calm as he approaches the event that four years ago seemed to signal the end of his Olympic sprinting career.

Athletes must finish in the top three at the US trials to qualify for the Olympics, except in the relay events. Lewis, who has eight Olympic golds, failed to make the 100m or 200m in

He made the squad as a long jumper, and won that event along with a relay title in Barcelona.

After showing flashes of his old speed this spring, though, he is again a top contender in the 100m and 200m - as well as the long jump. "I've run well this spring and I know I can run well enough to make the team. I go into this meet pretty relaxed, he said. "The whole season is set up for this meet."

Joyner-Kersee, who has won the past two Olympic hep-tathlons, is again the favorite this summer. Despite nagging injuries the past two years, she is clearly the best American in the event and should have little trouble qualifying.

"My ultimate goal," said Joyner-Kersee, who also has a gold medal in the long jump, "is to make the 1996 Olympic team and to finish my career on American soil."

A major concern of US officials was alleviated Thursday when the sport's world governing body said it will not disqualify athletes who compete against people fighting drug suspensions at the trials.

Heptathlete Gea Johnson and as many as eight other athletes currently under drug suspensions could seek temporary restraining orders allowing them to compete in the trials, which last until 23 June.

The International Amateur Arhletic Federation threatened to disqualify athletes that competed against anyone such as Johnson, saying they would be "contaminated" by competing against her.

Such a scenario would have made it virtually impossible to hold US Olympic trials in such events, because anyone trying to make the Olympic squad would



immediately be disqualified from the Olympics and other races by competing against a drug-suspended athlete. Meanwhile Matthew Yates,

Britain's former leading 1,500m runner, was today forced to pull out of this weekend's Olympic trials in Birmingham with a

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hamstring injury. But the 27-year-old Belgrave Harrier pleaded with the selectors to give him more time to make the Atlanta team.

With the first two past the post qualifying for the Games, Yates, a former Commonwealth bronze medallist, was left hop-

ing he would be invited to take the third spot. "The injury will not take too much time to heal and I should be back in light training on Sunday," he said.

"I hope the selectors can see I am on my way back to being Britain's best middle-distance

Resurgent Oakes. still going strong Given that she could claim to

Judy Oakes may yet have the last laugh. Treated as something of a joke for the majority of her long career as the leading British woman shot putter in the Brobdignagian era of "performance enhancing", Oakes has emerged relatively unscathed as a contender at the highest level.

When the best in the world were regularly throwing 22 metres, lagging three metres down usually qualified her as an afterthought when team places were being handed out for major championships, but that has not prevented her from becoming Britain's most "capped" woman athlete, with 73 appearances. With a tightening of drug legislation, and the dissolution of state-controlled sport on the Eastern frontiers of Europe, the world's best are currently dropping around the 20m line. So her consistent 19m putts have shot her well up the ranking lists. Her competitive edge has

never been in doubt, as anyone will testify who has witnessed her pugnacious pirouette in the shot circle, or the aggression she brought to winning weight-lift-ing world titles in the mid-1980s. So when she went into the European Cup Final in Madrid two weeks ago as No 5 on paper, and emerged with the silver medal, it was not the shock that it would have been a decade ago.

One of the women she beat in Madrid, Svetlana Krivelyova is the reigning Olympic champion; which does not automatically presage an Olympic medal chance for Oakes, but it is not outlandish to suggest it. The penultimate step on the road to the centenary celebration in Atlanta next month is the British Olympic Trials in Birmingham this weekend.

Winding down this week, Oakes ruminated on retirement, drugs, uncaring administrations, and the tribulations of being a working girl in a so-

called professional era. A common perception of Oakes is that she has enjoyed Pat Butcher on

the Olympic aims of Britain's leading woman shot putter

Sinatra, often with as little grace, given her propensity to hurl harsh words at a "runningoriented" British federation as violently as she chucks the shot. She went on strike in 1988 at the poor pay she got.
She retired shortly afterwards

for a couple of years, before being tempted back by long time



coach and admirer, Mike Winch "We can see what she's really worth, now that everyone else has come back to reality," he said. Yet, even now, she still has to work full-time, and is dis-

couraged, even despite the re-cent administrative changes, that more notice is not being taken of the former Cinderellas. Neither Oakes, nor Ashia Hansen, who went one better and won the European Cup triple jump, has a contract with the British federation. "It's a case of:

'If we put on your event in one of our promotions, we'll invite you. If not, too bad' - I can't afford to take four days off every time I compete abroad," Oakes said. "I only went to Madrid, be-cause Malcolm Arnold [the new national coaching chief is trying to do something for us. The ad-ministration isn't."

have forfeited a successful career to the drug takers, she seems remarkably ambivalent about it, saying: "Unless some one lests positive, you can't hanestly say anything about them, it would be unfair. I've been accused, and I know what it's bkc."

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On the other hand, when somebody has not only been positively tested twice, and admitted under oath that she took drugs, but deprived Oakes of an Olympic bronze medal, then she can be as tenacious as her vocation demands. The woman in question is Gael Martin, formerly Mulhall, the Australian who beat Oakes into fourth place in the Los Angeles Olympics, and deprived her of the Commonwealth title in Edinburgh two years later. Martin later admitted to the Black Commission, the Australian federal enquiry into sports drug abuse, that she had consistently taken drugs throughous her career, even to a testosterone boost two weeks before LA.

Sir Eddie Kulukundis, who acts as guardian to scores of Britain's less well-off athletes. wrote an article for Athletics Today suggesting that, in view of Martin's admissions and the erasure of Ben Johnson from the record books, Oakes he given her rightful medals.

Oakes is still waiting, after six years and dozens of letters to the International Olympic Committee. The Princess Royal even interceded on her behalf, as did Prince Edward and John Major – to no avail. "I never even got a reply to my last let-

ter," she said. Given that Oakes is as far ahead of her British rivals as she used to be behind the world's best, the Olympic trials (the shot is tomorrow) should be little more than a formality. Then comes, as she puts it: "the serious stuff - I'm looking to make the [Olympic] final. By then, I'd be expecting mid to high 19s, and you've got to be in with a shout with that. And, like Madrid, anything can happen."

League defends **Oceania Cup ruling**

Rugby League

The Rugby Football League Wigan at Central Park tomoryesterday hit back at criticism row after being suspended for one game and fined £150 by the to release South Pacific born Rugby Football League's disciplayers for next month's Oceagia Cup.

Two Super League clubs, Halifax and Wigan, led the protests when the RFL Board of Directors unanimously agreed to support the new competition. The RFL media manager, Paul Harrison, said: "Clubs are quite happy to take these players from other Super League countries, but does that mean the players have to abandon their international aspirations? We recently heard from Wigan's Va'aiga Tuigamala that he would be proud to lead Western Samoa in the Occania Cup.

'Super League is an international sport and both Wigan chairman Jack Robinson and Halifax Chief executive Nigel Wood must realise that it exists outside Wigan and Halifax. The Oceania Cup is recognised by the Super League Internationmake our players available."

Oldham's utility forward

Munro was referred to the disciplinary committee by the League's executive committee after they viewed a video recording of Oldham's home win over Warrington last Sunday.
Munro was charged with de-

liberately swinging his arm at the head of an opponent in an incident which resulted in the Warrington winger, Mark Forster, being carried off on a

Second Division game between Bramley and York. The Bramley pair, Kenny Hill and Glen Freeman, collected respective two and three-match bans while York's Rich Hayes was suspended for two games.

were Gary Rose (Dewsbury) for one game and Wayne Mac-Donald (Wakefield) and Andy al Board and we must therefore Dannatt (Hull KR) for two

Matthew Munro is out of their Super League meeting with plinary committee.

Three players have been sus-pended following last week's

Other players receiving bans

Paris aim to halt slide

Super League fixtures set off down the home straight this weekend, with Paris St-Germain now in a very different mood from the bright optimism with which they greeted the season, writes Dave Hadfield.

It is only two and a half months since Paris began their campaign by beating Sheffield Eagles. The return fixture today finds them in disarray, with the bottom of the table, demotion and extinction all beckoning.

There are playing reinforce-ments on their way, but a more significant move could be the appointment of John Kear to knock them into shape. The consolation for Paris is that Workington, the one side below them in the table, are unlikely to

make any headway tomorrow.

They are at the league leaders, St Helens, for whom Bobbie Goulding hopes to return in the last match before next Friday's encounter with Wigan.

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- 11 doctared - BETING: 7-2 Yauma, 9-2 Assume, 6-1 Magic Star, 8-1 Lancashive Kelgis Starp Rotura, 19-1 Singforycorrupper, Three For A Pound, 12-1 other 8.45 SPORTS MERCURY STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 3YO 1m 4f

- 4 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Place De L'Opera, 2-1 Mattende, 7-2 For

9.15 MERCURY NIGHT HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added filles 6f

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6.35: 1. PERSIAN AFFAR (MS) Moore)
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Strategic Choice (to be rid-den by Richard Quinn), Luso (Michael Kinane) and King's

their chance in the four-runner Group One Gran Premio di Milano over 12 furlongs in Milan on Sunday. The home-trained Pay Me Back (Luca Sorrentino) looks to have only an outside chance and the extent of his ambitions is to pick up the fourth prize-money and the breeders' premium. The race appears to lie between Paul Cole's Irish St Leger winner, Strategic Choice, and Clive Brittain's Luso, who defends a 100 per cent record in

Lindsay Charnock was yesterday handed a seven-day ban for his Pontefract fracas with Nicky Carlisle. Charnock appeared to lose his temper when a horse was unseated in a rough race for a selling race on Monday. At an inquiry held yesterday, the stewards found him guilty of improper riding in that he intentionally aimed a blow at Carlisle with his whip. Charnock was involved in scrimmaging on the home turn and his mount had almost been brought down by Carlisle's mount, Kadari.

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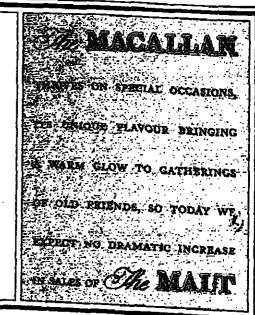
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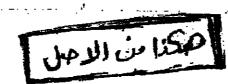
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Racing GREG WOOD

Lanfranco Dettori, the champion jockey, may not ride for several months following an operation yesterday on his left fbow, broken in a fall at New bury on Thursday. He will miss not just next week's Royal Ascot meeting, but probably all the high-summer showpieces, and his chance of retaining his championship is slim, at best.

Dettori was injured when the filly Shawanni threw him in the paddock. The broken bones in his elbow were wired together in an operation yesterday from which Dettori emerged unconscious, but comfortable.

"His spirit's all right but he's going to be out for some time, you can't come back from that in a hurry," John Gosden, Dettori's main employer, said yes-terday. Dr Michael Turner, the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser, said: "It is always difficult to tell how long these injuries will take to heal without seeing the X-rays, but we usu-ally expect the bone to heal in eight to 12 weeks. It seems a very similar injury to the one sustained by Adrian Maguire, but Frankie should be able to

move the elbow and keep fit." On the basis of Dr Turner's most optimistic estimate. Dettori will miss Newmarket's July meeting and Glorious Goodwood. Any longer on the sidelines, and York's Ebor meeting would also pass him by. Since most top jockeys would expect to ride both afternoon and evening during this time, he will also miss dozens of humdrum assignments which form the foundation of a title challenge.

The bookies refused to bet on the Flat championship at the start of the season, in the belief that Dettori could not be beaten. After a slow start, though, the Italian was still 10 winners 21 - 2 JEWS behind Jason Weaver, who had ridden 71 before racing yesterday, and both Weaver and Pat Eddery (66 wins) have everychance of being champion. Two more riders received

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RETAIL MAINTEN

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bad news yesterday. Daryll Hol-land's lost his appeal against the Hong Kong Jockey Club's refusal to renew his riding licence, and for the moment his career in the colony is over. Gerard Mossé lost an appeal against a riding ban, and will miss the ride on Ashkalani in Tuesday's St James's Palace Stakes. Michael Kinane will take his place.

Norman Williamson is another jockey with uncertainty in his life. Williamson has announced that he is to end his association with Kim Bailey in order to ride freelance in the forthcoming jumps season. Williamson completed the double of the Gold Cup and Cham-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Passage Creeping (Leicester 6.45) NB: Ya Malak (Sandown 4.35)

pion Hurdle for Bailey at the 1995 Cheltenham Festival. Dettori's misfortune will overshadow today's racing, which is lacklustre in any case.

The Derby finished a hopeless second to football seven days ago, and in the face of a bigger attraction at Wembley today, the turf seems, perhaps wisely, to have given up the struggle. All three of York's televised races are desperately tight hand-

icaps, none more so than the 23runner opener. There appears to be plenty of pace against the far rail, though, where Daawe should carry them along and set the race up for Plum First (1.45). He had a troubled run at Catterick last time, but still ran his best race of the year in the blinkers which remain in place. SKILLINGTON (nap 215),

who made all at Pontefract last time, gives backers their best chance of a return in the next, but the day's richest event, the William Hill Trophy, matches the opener for impenetrability. However, it may be that Mick Easterby has managed to slip Blessingindisguise (next best 2.45) in on a generous mark.

Honours for Jack Berry and

John Dunlop, page 9.

YORK 1.45: DAAWE, who showed improved form to beat Perfect Brave by a head in a five-furlengs hand-icap on the Southwell Fibresand fol-lowing a creditable two-lengths at Thirsk on turf, is in great heart. Don Pepe, a half-length second to Sea-Deer at Yarmouth on Thursday, may be the main threat. Plan

First should also go well. 2.15: EXPENSIVE TASTE, who 2.15: EAFENSIVE 1281E, who beat Lear Jet by a length over this trip on similar ground at Lingfield, looks a progressive sort and may follow up. Skillington may prove the biggest danger.



2.45: DASHING BLUE, who may have been ill-suited by the yie ground when 51/2-lengths third to Farhanz at Haydock last time, had impressed when beating Cross The Border by 13/4 lengths over Sandown's stiff five furlougs on faster ground and is a course-anddistance winner. The leniently handicapped React is the danger.

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1.45 Daawe 2.15 Expensive Taste 2.45 Deshing Blue 3.20 Make A Stand 4.25 Carlito Brigante 4.55 Verbilian GOING: Good (watering) STALLS: 51-71 – stands side; round course – Inside rail.

SIALES 61-71 - Branch 60d; Yound course - Inside rail.

DRAW ADVANTAGE; None.

ELeft-hand U-shaped course. Fist and ideal for the powerful galloper.

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: H Coell—25 winners from 35 runners gives a success ratio of 20.3% and a loss to a \$1 level stake of \$12.46; M Storate —23 winners, 122 minners, 18.7%, +59.55; P Cole — 16 winners, 79 runners, 20.3%, +51.46. H LEADING JOCKETS: L Dettori — 39 winners, 172 rides, 22.7%, +243.08; Pat Redecy —39 winners, 197 rides, 19.8%, -52.4% W Canson —21 winners, 202 rides, 15.3%, -53.432; 3 Reid — 18 winners, 153 rides, 11.3%, -548.71. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Trusnery (2.15). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Make A Stand (3.20) sent 271 miles from M Pipe's Nicholstawner stable in Denon.

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1	.45 MICHAEL SOBELL SILVER TANKARD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 67 Penalty Value £7,523	4.8
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PORM GUIDE

AMERON is without a win for over two years and when he does click it is usually at Doncaster. However, he fooks to be back in good heart after being pipped by Palo Barnoo at Ayr and never really girt the run of the tope behind High Domain at Haydock next trans. Palo Barnoo went close against Afmad last Saturday so there is nothing whong with the form. Mister Westensend, a short-head behind Annon at Ayr, halls from a stable that is firing in the winners, but Armorte lower draw poley may again give him the edgs. Great Chapseus shaped well in shoth at Ayr on his first start for David Nicholls. He is 20 better with Armon and was a Window winner last term for Richard Hennon. Chedwell Hall is a tough customer who wee badly drawn at Chester last time.

		2.15	DANIEL PRENN RATED H'CAP (CLASS B) £15,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 85yds Penalty Value £9,251	
	1	223-241	SASSED (23) (D) (Lady Oppenheimed) 6 Wage 9 7	14 SEE 4
1	3	185-01	EXPENSIVE TASTE (14) (D) (Mohamed Suhell) M Stoute 8 11	
	5	2632-01	THE DILETTAND (USA) (15) (Duse of Devorshop) J Tolor 8 11	T Quites 3
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There were three 10-furiong races at Ponteinact on 4 June and SIGILINGTON's win from the front was gained in a faster time their Barry Halfit winners Gold Dat and Ambessador. A promising juvenide with good editors against Jushi, Moodye Cat and Heron Island, Soldington looks worth following now that he has broken the de. The Oldestandi has also made the naming and the stable won a decern little race with Bewinthing at Lecester it is month. He has not well an hot finances and is up in they after taking arkenings of a weaker gode of Beth (Juny on his reappearance. The socre with the run to suit Expensive Taste, who quotiened from behind to best Lear let and Forza Figho at Lingfield a fortheight ago. Michael Souse wouldn't heer of defeat that day and Expensive Taste can improve further off the 6th higher mark. Season won cooky from the mades fiby Questionia (beater again afterwards) at Newmonstein last time. He seemed suited by the drop in distance and was a decert juvenile, finishing with a third to Mack's Love in the Haydock after finishing eight longers behind Expensive Taste, at Lingfield, the is 7th better in with Michael Stoute's filly and holds Transey on the Haydock form. Sid Academy's switcut recent action, whether expensed Spille and Riphard Hannon's More Than You Know also look highly thed.

Selections SKULINGTON

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2.45 WILLIAM HILL TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS B) £45,000 added 310 8f Pennity Value £34,238						
1		WARNESS TIME (7) (D) (F.C.T Wilson) 8 Mostrum 9 7				
2	2141-13	DASHING BLUE (21) (22) (Ary Duncan Allen) I Baiding 9 3	T Outre 15			
3	2122-03	LAAFEE (26) (D) (Harasso Al Molcoum) H Thorseon Xines 9 1	W Camoo 18			
4	3-12	MANOR CHALISY (40) (65) (Mas Many Watt) I Facebases 9 ()	P Harrison 4			
5	205-500	BISTERN PROPRETS (b) (Hear Racing Club II 7) Neugraph 8 12	_J Weener 1			
6	1350-23	REACT (LA) (D) (HRH Prince Faind Salman) W James 8 9	Pat Edday 9			
7	241.246	MOTORNESMAN BLUE (LES (CS) (Ambrosos Turnbull A beres 8 8	J Forens 2			
8	3140-2	RED MINERY (I.S.) (The Wito News Partners?, Partnershot W Jenus B 7	B Depenson 3			
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10	320-613	HOH REDRING (14) (D) (D) F Albort) M Bell 84	Mi Fertica 7			
11	04-11	PLEADING (19) (D) (Simon Broke) H Candy 8 4 (7e)	.C Retter 11			
12	5-010	SPOTTED EASILE (149 60) Blood Comprion' R Harron 8 3	5 Sanders 6			
13	31-2412	WILDWOOD FLOWER (25) (0) (8F) (6 Howard-Spirity R Hazmon 8 2 8 2	J Carroll &			
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18	513-410	SECRET VOUCHER (38) U R Sm(E) 8 McMahon 7 10 PF	essay (5) 12			
		- 15 declares -				

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. The hardicap weight: Green Borles 7st St. Abdie 7st 7st. Secret Voucher 7st 1th. BETTING 6-1 Reset, 7-1 Dushing Blos, Holt Boturns, 8-1 Pineding, 12-1 Major Quelly, Worning Time, Wilshood Flower, 14-1 Others
1995: Bolo Effort 3 8 8 T fees 10-1 (K Cumangham-Botwell 15 spn

FORM GUIDE

Gootf Wragg's Shylish Ways was besten by a high drow in this last year when Bord Effort (drawn bur) beat Coastal Bluff (two). Those drawn middle to low may again have the edge and PLEADING has got to take some besting from stall 11 after turning in a fast time at Leoester 19 days aga. He may have besten a most type in Albara, but he nad plent, of older sprinters well beaten off and he looks well hendscapped even with the penalty. Norwegan Blue is an each very fancy from stall two with Jimmy Forume booked. He was no match for Deshing Blae has draw today! at Sandown in April, but he giss a 7th pull and wards this sixth furiong. The soft ground may not have suited Norwegan Blue in King Of The East's rice at Leoester last time. Better is expected today, while Red Hypeph, second at Leoester, has claims from stall time. There has been ante-post backing for Halper Quality, drawn four here and with a leading chance up in distance after his second for Fond Embrace at Haydock when considering The BleenfageRediguides could go well at big code from stall five. Jermy Quann is a good booking and the gelding had a hig weight when a good fourth to Enchemied Guest at Newcastle time. Maille, a strong firsher in second at Newcastle, may be besten by a high draw today. Reset will be racing off a higher mark in future after her fine third to Branston Abby and My Lucky Parkes at Newmarket, and her draw tinie) looks statisfactory. Hos Restrate just could not find the extra against Atral and Artionie's Mailody at Newmarket, while Promptly (13) and Oli Washibilonight (13) may also be handscapped.

3	3.20	QUEEN MOTHER'S CUP LADY AMATEURS' HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £10,748
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2	#613 -	MELLARY (USA) (656) (C) (Abdusum A) Malonory) M Strate B 10 10Mrs S Eddary 1
3		ROMOS (22) (C Shacoles) P Cole 4 10 10
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5	445300	CELESTIAL CHOIR (21) (D) (May Carole Syles) 5/20 6 10 8
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7	06-2455	LOOKINGFORABARISON (19) (CD) (B M Saumally B Jones 8 10 2 Miles B Jones (5) 6
8		HIGH PYRENEES (21) (I Sephenson) R Allon 4 10 1
9		SELICIAL (86) (D) (Pepersons) Mass Gay Helancy 4 9 9
10		CANTE CHICO (5) (D) (Mess V Hauth) O Brennen 4 9 5
11		WITHER DE DESCRIPTION (41) The Firms Househorn Moore 4.0.5 Here S. Moore 19

Minimum weight; 8st 10th. True histology weight: Scene Darcer 8st 2b. BETTRIKE: 3-1 Burdon HB Boy, 7-2 Lookingformalbow, 5-1 Mellinky, Stand, 12-1 Statical, Revolute, 18-1 others 1998: Tethys 4 10 7 Mass Dares Ignes 4-1 (J L Bjeel 4 ran

12 00016-2 MAKE A STAND (7) (D) (P A Deat) M Pope 594.

FORM GLIDS

MELLABY has returned from a layoff to ten in the rest and to land this after a two-year observe would come as no supprise The layoff was 10 months prick to his Goodwood success from lake Of Pearts in Lay, 1994, and this is not a particularly hot grade. Les Eyre and Diana Jones entempt to follow Tetrys' wan test year with Celeschial Choice, while wirming hurter Meller A Stands (won claimer for Henry Cardy last year) is another with a chance in the france of Lydia Pearce. Salitating returns from a rest with every hope on last seconds with other last ground, and Bendon Hall Bey must also be respected after sound efforts in decent handscape at Goodwood and Beverley.

Selection: MELLABY

3.50 LEONARD SAINER EBF STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2YO 61 Penalty Value £4,046 MALADERSE (B) (R M Bretraut) M Chemon 90

All eyes will be on Salsabin's son Selten after her daughter Birk Salsabin's star showings last year. John Dunlop had reached Birk Salsabin for a winning debut at Accor, and Sahm, who has bir Prospector as his sim, so a February local who can be expected to be yest as well for ward. Abot, Chainnon is foring with his youngetors MALADERES, also a February fool, is a galded son of Thatching who shoped really well on his debut at Goodwood to be beaten only a length and loann by Paul Coet's well regarded hiscary. He will come on for the expension and the form was boosted when Blue Ridge leighth won at Sandown yesterday. Ben Hambury houses the smart Topy Creek so Zugodi must also be held in some regard He has scannat an his pedigree, but hight Shift is proving himself a fire and of Juvenies. Santabid de nothing at Kempton, but the costly colt is a half-brother to Charlie Nelson's warrang juvenide Leat Leader.

CADOGAN SEVER SALVER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15.000

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20	added 1m 1f Penalty Value £11,040
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BETTING: 9-2 Embankspent, 6-1 Sandreac Chembrey, 7-1 Se and A Games, Queees Concol, Maradetic, 10-2 others 1965; Proc. Of Percic 6 8 9 Alex Grosses 7-1 (D. Nichols) 15 ran

FORM GUIDE CARLITO BRIGANTE, sharper for a run in a ladies race of Epsom last Sunday, was a ver CARLITO BRITISHITE, STATPER for a run in a lacres race of Epsom list Sundby, was a very easy wanner from Cartelinee at Porteinat, in April. A good third to Megicar at Donessire at-terwards, he rates the top to confirm Beverley number in April with Hazard A Green, who should be bang there today with a 7th pull. Hazard A Guess is on a good mush and was ap-peration radies at Epsom last Segunday when sowers to Ela-Artsolviati. Sandboord Char-bray, a strong finishing thard to Mejubar at Epsom last Sunday, held the narrowest of margins over Up in Flammes and Pary Homesign.

HANSON & GUY REED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 4.55 £6,000 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £4,124 54 - HOUNLA LUPIS (USA) (47) (BP) (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Colo 9 O... O MEMPIAS BESUL (5) (Bondlood Thomoglineds) I Totar 9 C.
PEARL D'AZUR (BSA) (Sheshi Mohemmed D Loder 9 C.
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2-242 BOLLIN JOANNE (15) (Locy Westbrook) T Ensteting 8 9 DETTING: 21-4 Veridien, 7-2 Keeln Liple, Setrels, 4-1 Bolin Joseps, 9-2 Poert D'Azer, 20-3 Mem

phis Sees 1995: Amarah 3 8 9 W Carson 4-11 (J Gosdeni 4 ran

1995: Amarah 3 8 9 W Cason 4-12 (J Gosden) 4 pm

FORM GUIDE

Veridian is related to several winners and his debut form at Newbury looks good. His dam was a winner at this trip in France and this debut form at Newbury all had previous expenience. Veridian non a cracker in fourth to Kelto that day and, apart from Gold Soats Isacond) winning next time. Strazo (lifth) and Skip Jig (eighth) have also boosted the form, this just a matter of time before David Loder strikes form and his newcomer PEARL (PAZIII is the choice. The coft should love the fast ground and his well-related dam was a seven-turlong winner. Sabrak did a los Better on his second start when fourth to Forza Figho at Goodwood, a performatione which plass him on a per with Kuala Liplas, who was a smalar distance behind Forza Figho at Newbury. Boillin Joannie may not be good enough, while Memphils Bease needs to improve on his Goodwood debut showing. Selection: PEARL D'AZUR

SANDOWN FAMOY'S CHOICE R Hampy 8 11. 6 RISE N SHINE (10) COper 8 11.... -4 declared BETTING: 4-6 Conspiracy, 6-4 Pagg/s Choice, 12-1 Rise 'N Shiet, 20-1 Destri HYPERION cy 2.20 Shehab 2.55 Saltando 3.30

Al Shafa 4.00 Farringdon Hill 4.35 Double Quick 5.05 Double March

Academy, 12-1 Spent, 14-1 orders 1995: Quango 3 8 7 K Falian 3-1 U RtzGerald) 4 rer

STALLS: Straight course – stands side; remainder – inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 55; low for 77 & im.

Right-hand course. Separate stiff 5f track.

Course is on A307, 4m S of Kingston. Esher station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Clab \$15, Junior Club, [16 – 25779], \$135, Grandstand & Peddock \$12; Park \$8. CAR PARK. \$2 in members, restaintier free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bakers Daughter (2.55); United From (4.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE HUNDERS: Double Quick (4.35) has been sent
249 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, N Yorks; Crabble's Fride
(3.30) sem 186 miles by A Bulley from Little Budworth, Chenhire.

1.50 EBF PORTMAN SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES 2 CONSPIRACY (24) (SF) J Dunkop 8 11 ..... 0 DASUL (17) G Lews 8 11 .....

3.05 Mr Copyforce 3.35 Last Chance 4.05 Concer Un 4.40 Tart 5.10 Dande Flyer

2.30 PUMP ROOM STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 5f

3.05 ABBEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 1f

6-02513 CHAKALAK (10) S Dow 883.....

BERKELEY SQUARE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 3YO 1m 2f

2.55 JOHNSTONE DOUGLAS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 610300- JOLTO (225) K McAutife 7 10 0 3 1 Stack (3) 3 5-002 FORMADABLE PARTNER (12) R Amestong 3 8 12 12 K Deley 9 00-0605 GADGE (3) (0) D Mons 5 8 12 18 Dely 1 V 

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Mrs L Pearce 5

3.30 ROTHMANS SERIES HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 1m 1f -6 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Spirito Litro, 11-4 Alember, 3-1 Librer, 6-1 Al Shafa, 10-1 Disabored, 16-1 Crabble's Pride

4.00 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 6f

-9 declared BETTIME: 11-4 Wasserplandstree, 3-1 Majdak Jeroch, 4-1 Prince Denzig,
5-1 Lucky Colo, 6-1 Opera Baff, 8-2 Bold Resolution, 10-1 others BETTING: 5-2 Locky Archer, 4-1 Double Staff, 9-2 How Long, 5-1 Double March, 6-1 Grand Musica, 7-1 Jurnalish Susset, 12-1 others

425-555 YA MALAK (14) (D) J Payre 5 9 0 A MicShow 5
21 SPEED ON (38) (D) H Candy 3 8 11 W Ryen 6
62-0025 DOUBLE QUICK (6) (CD) (SF) M Johnston 4 8 9 JM Roberts 7 - 7 declared BETTING: 11-4 Crowded Avenue, 3-1 Ye Matek, 5-1 Double Quick, 6-1 That n Again, 7-1 The Puzzier, 8-1 Speed On, Cross The Border 5.05 GROSVENOR SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO 79 42-640 DOUBLE BLUFF (21) | Salding 9 0 ... 2 DOLLELE MARCH (24) P Webber 90... 0 GO BRITANNA (10) D Loder 90..... GRAND MUSICA | Baking 90.... ...W Rose & Martin Dayer (5) 3 _M Heavy (3) 6 O MR HACKER (24) G Thomas 90... .... A Eddery (7) 5 3- DN/ME (267) A Seven 8 9.

4.35 LEICESTER SQUARE STAKES (CLASS C)

2110-03 CROWDED AYENRE (B) (D SIS P Malon 4 9 0 ... Paul Eddory

#### HYPERION

2.00 Multi Franchise 2.30 Ride Sally Ride (nb)

GOING: Good to Firm.

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STALLES Exraight course - far side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, galloping course. Four furiong run-in bends to the left and is uphill all the way.

Rececourse is 2m NW of city near A431. Buth station 2m. ADMISSION: Club 512; Taitersalls 53; Silver Ring 54; Course 51.

CAR PARSE Centre of course S5 for our plan driver and \$3 for each passenger; remainder free.

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Bapeford (3.25, viscostd). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: My Gallery (4.05) won

at Chepatow on Thursday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Eide Sally Ride (2:30) & Albert
The Bear (5,10) have been sent 213 railes by J Benry from Cocker-

2.00 RINE SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 2f 46yds

- 6 decised -GETTBNO: 7-4 Rido Sally Ride, 3-1 Daving Rocksville, 7-2 Dayville, 5-1 Mirror Four Life, 8-1 Folly Foot Fred, 12-1 Compton Place

5 600-531 MR COPYFORCE (10) Mass B Sanders 6 7 11 ... G Barderdl 3 6 43-2608 PERMITOTHEMETAL (10) P Michael 4 7 10.C Admission (8) 1 ... 6 declared ... 46 from wedget: 7st 10th. Two handlap weight: Pedmitothemetal 7st 9th. BETTERE: 9-4 Mr Copyforce, 5-2 Chatalaki, 7-2 World Express, 6-1 Pedaluthemetal, 8-1 Castle Sucret, Disto 3.35 CHARLCOMBE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f

4.05 BECKFORD TOWER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 12210-0 CONCER UM (14) (CD) S Williams 4 10 0 ... 10000-0 ETNBATT (USA) (S) W Must 5 9 13 ...... 2 100/00-0 ENBAUT (USA) (5) W Mair 5 9 13 M Richards 5 4 40-020 BMIL-MOU (5) (6) (3F) M Rich 4 9 5 M Baird (5) 1 4 426105 SOCRY TERM (12) (0) J Bratey 9 9 3 G Berdnell 8 5 0524-04 NAVIBARE (USA) (14) R Hannon 3 9 3 R Hughes 7 6 323631 MY GALLERY (2) A Raiey 5 8 10 (5et) D Wright (3) 4 7 040-300 ZHOPEN (17) J Calinan 4 8 9 P McCabe (3) 3 -7 declared - SETUNG: 11-4 Navigna, 7-2 My Gallery, 4-1 Emby-Nou, 5-1 Coocer Us, 6-1 Zatopek, 8-1 Socky Term, 10-1 Embbest

4.40 GIVE WEMBLEY A MISS LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 340 1m 3f 144yds 

— 8 declared → BETTENG: 3-1 Mismissum, Tart, 9-2 Labood, 5-1 Belzao, 6-1 Fijon, Soldier Mair, 10-1 officers

5.10 TETBURY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 5f 161yds 042002 HOW'S YER FROMER (10) (D.BF) R Hodges 10 9 11... A Daily (D. 12 

MARKET RASEN HYPERION 2.10 Sujud 2.40 Robert's Toy 3.10 Mim-Lou-And 3.45 Persian Tactics 4.15 Gone By 4.50 Bourdonner GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places, watering).

Right-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Run-in of one furiong.
Course is E of town on AS31. Market Rasen sustion (Lincoln-grimsby line) 1m. ADMISSION: Cub 512; Tamersulls S8 (OAPs who are members of course's tabilee Clob 24); Silver Ring S6 (Au-

bilee (Jub OAPs 52.50). CAR PARK: picture areas 52, rost free

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: EMiss (3.10 ). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Saukin's Bero (3.45) won at Southwell Last Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Tipping The Line (2,10), Miss Doc-10 Micros Maria Ma ier's Mcipiash stable in Donet.

2.10 TOTE BOOKMAKERS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3m 

2.40 LINCS FM NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 1f 110yds 1 204122- LONGANGTHA (16) Mrs. E. Heestn 8 11 9 ZAJ12- (STREWFOUR) (23) US F HERRI S 11 S _____ A TROMBY DOSS2P1- MCHERRYDO (TR) (15) (0) S Brookspa 6 11 9 ____ AP Recept PSF231- ROBERTS TOY (15) M Pro 5 11 3 _____ A P McCoy I 1/221-0- ARMAINE (259) T Obresily 7 11 2 _____ S McCol 21101/P SHERWFOOD SUY (25) K Baley 7 11 2 _____ J Osbora 

63:103- SUMEZ (15) (CD) Mrs N Norandey 6 1:1 7 Philos 116:006 BURES (22) M Tempins 5 1:1 6 K Budie (3) Y 30:53:1- Bustler RPML (14) (C) GD M Wikhasson 7 1:1 4 L Duyer 21:3P34- ELPLAA (15) N Henderson 5 1:0 1:3 J R Kevannyb B

3.45 SYSTEMATIC PRINTING HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,500 added 2m 1f 110yds

- o occurred -Minimum reight: 10st. True handkap weight: Ruppies Scr 13to. BETTING: 9-4 Persian Tactics, 3-1 Oscall An Doras, 5-1 Sepida's Hera, 6-1 Strong Approach, 8-1 Radeo Star, 14-1 Sydney Barry, 16-1 others 4.15 SCUNTHORPE SLAG NOVICE HCAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m 6f 110yds 12 States and 12 declared - 12 declared - Minimum weight: 10st, True handcap weight: 10-Phing Missile 9st 13th, Bitler Aloe 93 130, Little Thyre Sar Sts. BETTING: 7-2 Gone By, 4-1 Tour Leader, 5-1 Southerly Gale, 6-1 Gorby's Nyth, 8-1 Destryforchay, 10-1 Willie Majorit, 14-1 others 4.50 RHODES NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds ......P Carbony V - 13 dec Minimum weight: 10st. True handlage weighes: Confedere 9st 13b, Card 9st 11b, Cardhelle 9st 10b. Little Truckup 9st 7b, Asnoisbe 9st 2b, Affecte 8st 8b, BETTING: 9-2 Limited Limitity, 5-1 Red Light, 6-1 Pickers, Bourdenner, 7-1 Reefa's MB, 8-1 Karlusku, Plants, 10-1 others

2.18: 1. BILE RIDGE (Pic Entirey) 7-4 fay, 2. Cardynaux Chief 5-1; 3. Selections 11-2; 9 ran. 4, 1. (R Harmon), Teles: \$2.50: £1.10, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £1.50, £1.50, £1.40, £1.20, £1.50, £1.40, £1.20, £1.50, £1.40, £1.20, £1.80, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £1 SANDOWN

RETISHING (MINERED. 4.30: 1. SHAMMLADEE (T. Quirn). 12-1: 2. Russian Regunet 8-13 to; 3. Minison 5-1. 9 cot. 2, 4, (M. Staute). Tolar £12-10: £190, £1.10. £2.00. DF. £8.10. CSP; £19-35. Tricr £16.10.

5.00; 1. LORD HISH ADMIRAL (M Roberts) 7-2; 2. Spanismis Close 11-8 for; 3. Ln Singuet 5-1.8 mm, 1½, nr. 64 Hoston-Esi, Toker 55.30; 21-80, £1-40, £1-10, .DP; £4.00, .CSF; £8.48. The £5.10. NR; Superiso, S.38; 1. DANCE KING (A Dely) 10-1; 2. Febboss Mitoo 5-1; 3. Share Hamber 10-1. 14 mm 4-1 it for Rock The Banney, Nr. 1½, (R Hamfal, Toker £17.50; £4.20, £1.80, £2.90, DF; £24.20, CSF; £50.15. Topest; £488.98. This £12.8-50. NR; Liberns, No 6 Librarias (SIZ) was withdrawn not under outset. Rule 4 appears to board prices only, destaction 10p in the pound. Alter a streamts' inputy and an objection by second to the wisney, the placings remained unsilered. stewards' inquity and an objection by a the winner, the pixelings remained unai Quadrot: £9.80. Placenot: £28.70 Place & £40.63. Place 5: £30.31.

SOUTHWELL

2.30: 1. PHARLY DANCER II. Nawtorii 7-4 far. 2. Ready To Draw 9-2: 3. Red Phantom 100-30. 11 row. 5, 24/2 nV Haign). Totat 22.60; £1.10, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £5.20. CSF: £10.64. Tota: £7.90.

3.US: 1. CALCHOU (Dean McNepowr) 9-1: 2. Red Tose: 5-2: 3. Inch. Says: 11-2: 9 ran. 7-4 far. Lurky (Daksoud: 24/2. 4. (F. Fartharo), Totat 51.2 fb; £3.20, £1.30. £2.90. DF: £7.80. CSF: £3.1/8. That 53/4/20. Net Resing Glay, No 3 Relang Glay (12/1) was withdrawn rot under states orders, Rub 4 apples to all has declaration 5s in the pound.

was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction 5p in the pound. 4.38: 1. ELTON LEDGER (Errora O'Gorman) 3.1:2. Rules Point 20: 1.2. Delvob 92-9 ran. events for Kung Frode, 1.2½. Mrs N Macastey). Toler £130: £150, £17, £18.0 P. £16.6-9. CSF: £80.89. Titczet £275.94. Tor; £47.50. NR: Frecides Nelly. No 4 Reactios Nelly (772) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applied to board prices only, deduction 20 penter in the pound. 5.09: 1. BARROCK VARID (S Wilmorth) 5-2 [tar; 2. Mootersking 16-1: 3. Safe Democr 7-1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 4. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 5. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 5. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. 5. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2 g f at Hoppy Nerviner. 3. (A Stever), 1. 8 ran. 5-2

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King of Sparts 10-11 fay 2. Belostofthobbes
10-1. 5 fas. 32-9. 9. C Cyse?. Teles £72.0;
£1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £72.90.
2.40: 1. CANDONAS HEAUT IN Dayl 12-1: 2.
Pertuand 10-1; 3. Susprise Mission 6-1; f fay.
4. Bajan Rose 14-1. 16 tps. 6-1 g fay Sad-

Hehomet, Hd. 19/a. (Bob Jones), Tober £22.40; £3.70, £3.30, £2.40, £4.60. OF: £75.70. CSF. £130.23. Tricaet: £752.96. Tric: £318.80. 3.10: 1. CYRANOS £4.80 K; £318.80. 11/a. \$18-40. IC Dayed. Teber £2.50; £1.60. £2.30. OF: £5.50. CSF. £9.42. 3.40: 1. CORRADION BY Repro \$5-1; 2. Colories 4-5 toy. 3. Royed Selection 5-1, 7 san. Str.-Inf. & HOCED. Taber £4.80; £2.10, £1.40. OF: £2.80. CSF. £0.49. Tricaet. £19.23. ARP. Sunfront. 4.10: 1. ACMILLES HEEL (Martin Dayed 7-4 for £. & Robeshyn 6-1; 3. Augustan 9-1. 13. 4.10: 1. ACHALLES NEEL (Martin Divier) 7-4 for; 2. biohanitys 6-1; 3. Augustum 9-1; 13: na. 4, 6. IC Alleri, Totas (2.40: £1.40, £1.60, £2.50, DF: £7.70, CSF; £13.47, Theast £73.86, Inc. £30.80, 445: 1. FERNANDA (WCason) 6-4; 2. Witching House evens fax 3. Sommung Spirit 7-1; 5 ran. 11/4, 5. (1 Duniop), Totas: £2.20; £1.50, £1.10, DF: £1.30, CSF; £3.40, lackpot: £7,100.00 gart wort, pool of £6.996.62 cared toward to York roday). Please 6: £5.74, Place 5: £5.47.



## Schumacher keeps piling the pressure on Hill

**Motor racing** 

DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Montreal

If it had been official qualifying it would have been gripping stuff. With the chequered flag in sight Gerhard Berger pushed his Benetton to the top of the timesheets, but in the very moment of his celebration teammate Jean Alesi snatched away the plaudits by 0.072secs as unofficial practice for the Canadian

Grand Prix drew to a close.

and an irritation to Benetton-Renault, who badly need a good result.

Earlier, Michael Schumacher had thumbed the new raised nose of his Ferrari at Damon Hill's Williams-Renault until Hill assertedhimself to end the morning a scant 0.034 ahead. In the afternoon Schumacher marginally bettered that to go fastest until the Benetton duo made their push.

It is early days here, of course, at the circuit named after the

the day progressed times were bound to fall, as they will again tomorrow as more rubber is laid down. But it was psychologically important for Hill to re-establish a status quo rendered soggy by the rain in Spain two weeks ago. There, as Hill foundered not once but thrice, Schumacher drove to a stunning success title fight is far from over.

With his engine failure while These times do not count for former Ferrari driver Gilles Vil- Prix, and then the accident that at the start of the season, and the starting grid, which will be leneuve, whose son Jacques is at- took him out of the Spanish race, its teething problems.

consolation to Damon Hill, tracting all the headlines. The Hill has been forced to watch at track was dirty initially, and as least 14, possibly 20, points disappear. And the rise of Schumacher has struck a further chill note. The world champion's victory in Spain owed more to his brilliance in dire conditions than it did to any inherent superiority of the Ferrari, but the Italian team are nevertheless making great strides with every race. Schumacher has limited that raised speculation that the the points deficit to 17 despite the technical compromises that With his engine failure while have been forced upon Ferrari dominating the Monaco Grand by the late arrival of the new car

Now the Ferrari design is begaining momentum with each change. Paddock observers who a month ago would have bet only on Hill for the 1996 championship, are already beginning to evaluate the likelihood of Schumacher taking a third consecutive title. The protagonists themselves know that this race could prove to be the point around which championship fortunes turn. The psychological edge is delicate for both of them.

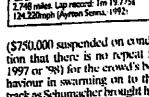
Villeneuve, eighth fastest yesterday morning, is bearing the The presence of a Canadian Formula One star – the first

ing honed further, and they are it has not been easy living as the complete focus of national fervour starved since the heydays of the downhill skier Steve Podborski and ice-bockey player Wayne Gretzky. "There are times," he said earlier this week, "when I know how a mouse trapped in a cage must feel when I come to Montreal." Like Hill, Villeneuve is a championship contender, his work this weekend made more difficult by the burden of national expectation on his shoulders.

The presence of a Canadian

since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981 - has been a massive boost to the organisers, who confidently expect a record crowd on Sunday. Yet such patriotic fervour may prove a double-edged sword. "If Villencuve wins," a local observer remarked, "it will be as if next week's Fete de Nation has come early.

Last year the crowd invaded the track to celebrate Jean Alesi's singular success for Ferrari; if Villencuve wins the organisers live in fear of a repeat, following the governing body, FIA's, action last week against the Imola circuit, which was fined \$1m



(\$750,000 suspended on condition that there is no repeat in 1997 or '98) for the crowd's behaviour in swarming on to the track as Schumacher brought his

## Norman moves into contention

Golf

TIM GLOVER

reports from Oakland Hills,

Lee Trevino once remarked that if you were in possession of a one-iron out on a golf course you could not be struck by lightning on the basis that "not even God can hit a one-iron." Most club handicappers do not even carry a one-iron in the bag and vet in his relentless drive for perfection, Nick Faldo is now playing with a zero-iron.

The Masters champion used it on seven occasions in the first round of the US Open Championship and described it as the perfect weapon for attacking the Monster, as Oakland Hills is constantly referred to. The Monster was under water on Wednesday but in the first two rounds the course was baked by temperatures in the 80s and the consensus is that it is going to get hotter and harder and faster.

Faldo had a two-over-par 72 in the first round, five behind the ioint leaders Payne Stewart and Woody Austin and one in front The course is playing very diffi-

annihilated by Faldo in the final with a lot of 30 footers. I wasn't round at Augusta National two months ago, made a move up the outside the course record. With Faldo struggling over the early holes. Norman was enjoying strokes going into the final round

something of a role reversal. The Australian is owed a stroke of luck and he got it in dramatic fashion yesterday. Norman, runner-up in the US Open in 1984 and again last year, went to the turn in 34, one under for the day, two over for the championship. He picked up a birdie at the short 13th and eagled the 16th, a par four of 403 yards. Norman's approach shot with an eight-iron from 144 yards pitched beyond the flag. spun back and the ball obligingly disappeared into the hole. The Great White Shark had taken

a bite out of the Monster. At a stroke Norman moved from one over to one under and lead. "That shot did a lot for my morale," Norman said. "I hit a lot of fairways, a lot of greens.

of the world No 1, Greg Norman. cult. The greens are receptive but concerned about my score in the first round. In a US Open you can leaderboard with a 66, one shot be six shots back with one round to play and still win." Norman, of course, led the Masters by six and shot 78 to Faldo's 67.

The 16th was also tamed by Tiger Woods. In the first round the 20-year-old US Amateur champion had a quadruple-bo-gey eight there after twice hit-ting the ball into the water. He went from three under par to six over in a round of 76. Woods might not have needed reminding that when Ben Hogan won the US Open here in 1951 he shot 76 in the first round. Yesterday Woods repaired

some of the damage with a 69. He birdied the 16th and 17th to come home in 34 compared to 43 on Thursday. "I'm proud of the way I played," Woods said. "I had a game plan and I stuck was within striking distance of the to it." The first element of any game plan for Oakland Hills is simple: keep the ball on the fair-ways. Failure to do so will almost certainly result in penury.

Woods played the first two rounds with the Open champion, John Daly, and the defending US Open champion, Corey Pavin. If anybody hits the ball further than Daly it is Woods. Pavin, on the other hand, is renowned for his accuracy, not his length, and at times it looked like a contest between a pea shooter and a howitzer. Fortunately there is more to the game than blasting the bail huge distances and, in fact, all three scored impressively; Daly also shot 69, Pavin 70.



Greg Norman tees off at the 12th in the US Open yesterday

to the former Open champion Ian Baker-Finch. Norman has taken some blows in his time but he has suffered nothing compared to his fellow Australian. Baker-Finch cannot hit a fairway, cannot make a cut. In the first round he shot 83, going to the turn in 46. Yesterday he showed slight improvement - he covered

the front nine in 44.

illed throughout his career by putting problems, seems to have suffered a relapse. In contrast, Tom Watson, whose Achilles' heel has been the yips, appeared on the leaderboard with birdies at the first and second holes to stand at two under par for the championship.

a nightmare on the greens. on the course, and dropped a Langer, who has been bedev-shot at the third where he missed the green and his chip shot ran

at least 20 feet past the flag. US OPEN (Children Hills) Surly leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 129 G. Norman (Nav) 73 68, 140 D Liber 71 69, F Nobio 9/27 71 69, I AS D Rivardo 72 69, J Dely 72 69, 142 W Filey (Aus) 73 69, 143 B Maybrir 72 71; V Singh (Fil) 71 72; J D'Neste 72 71; Ushman 71 72; C Pean 73 70, 144 B Bigant 73 71; Ishman 71 72; C Pean 73 70, 144 B Bigant 73 71; W Muchison 76 68, 145 B Ogle (Mus) 70 75; C Rocca (R) 71 74, "I Woods 76 69; J Haas 73 72, T Toles 77 69, A Forsbrand (Swel 74 71, 146 W Gody (Nus) 71 75; L Peanons (Nus) The leading 60 players and ties
Another player who seemed and anyone within 10 strokes of destined to miss the cut was the lead survived the halfway cut last night but it was of little use

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## Warwick puts his love to a ritual test

The appeal of this weekend's Le Mans is a strong as ever, says Derick Allsop *

Even now, when major sport is all pervasive and hogging every television and radio schedule. one of the most bizarre rituals of them all clings resolutely to its place on the calendar, in a corner of France few can identify, in an event still fewer can make sense of.

Yes, Le Mans is on again this

It is bizarre because a race that lasts 24 hours cannot really be called a race in the accepted sense of the word and this is not a spectacle to sit and watch, beginning to end, anyway. It is and always was a pageant built round an endurance test for drivers, ma-

chines and public. But once it was also a challenge some of the world's best drivers responded to and, until recent years, it was the cornerstone of a recognised world championship for recognised monsters of sportscar engi-

However, the very best drivers long ago abandoned the intimidating ordeal and now the cars are a confusing mix, some belonging to a kind of "global" series, although participants themselves are uncertain what all of them are.

Le Mans exists in a vacuum. and that is its very strength, its very appeal. It is a monument to tradition and defiance. It's there because, well it has seem-

generate his racing career. At and significant motor race. the age of 41, he is among those they were, but who are still competitive enough to get their kicks, and a pay cheque, out of

Warwick makes his first appearance in a race since the end of last season, when Alfa Romeo pulled out of the British Touring Car Championship. He could not find another drive for this year, and yearns for a chance next year. Victory this weekend, for Porsche, in part-nership with Mario Andretti and Jan Lammers, would, he

hopes, enhance his cause.
"I believe I'm good enough for another five years or more," he said. "I'm gutted not to be in the British Touring Car Championship this year, but it's such a fickle business and I and the competition will be know a few will have been grinning at my expense. I also look on it as unfinished business. "I need to keep the continu-

Tim Heriman returns to Britain's Davis Cup team for the Euro-Africa zone Group

Cup team for the Euro-Africa zone Group
No tie against Ghana in Accra from 12
to 14 July. The British No 1 from Oxfordshire missed the 4-1 victory over
Slovenia in Newcastie last month after
going down with a vers.
GREAT BRITAIN DAVIS CUP TEAM (Euro
Africa zone Group Two v Ghana, Accra, 1214 July: T Hensism (Codrothere), G Resedald (uratisched), M Petchey (Essey), N Broad
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SHIPS (Queen's Clab, London) Quarter-Rnaix: B Bectler (Gar) b: P Rafter (Aus) 7-5
d-4; M Oremans (Neth) bt C Singer (Ger) 6
4 7-6.

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Taudat (Fr) bt L Countols (Bel) 6-0 6-2; B
Schultz-McCarthy (Newth bt L Netland (Lat) 62 7-2; M McGrath (US) bt E Callens (Bel) 63 6-2.

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6-4 4-6 6-2 5 Smith of right L Pess (Ind) 6-3 7-6; P Hastinus (Neth) bit R Kraijock (Neth) 
6-4 7-6; J Bjorfornan (Swe) bit J Stermennik 
(Neth) 6-1 6-7 7-6.

ity as a racing driver. I don't want a sabbatical. That's why I was determined to get this drive. I could have taken more money elsewhere, but that was not the priority or the motiva-

The Courage Team, like Andretti, have so far chased this prize in vain but Warwick, a winner four years ago, believes fulfilment is within reach. He said: "It is a good car.

good engine and good team. It's a kind of ambition realised for me to be driving alongside Mario. I genuinely believe we have an excellent chance of winning, that's why I'm here. "I can't prefend I'm in 100 per cent shape because I've

been burying myself in business this year and I've let the training slip. I know that whatever I do I can do better, and I only hope I don't let the side down. But I know I still have the speed, the ability and the will, and there will be no more de-

termined driver out there. I still

love this sport and still want more of it." No one would ever question Warwick's commitment, but some, perhaps many, do question whether Le Mans still has a valid role to play in motor rac- 🥳

Warwick said: "I have to admit all the different categories confuse me so I can understand people wondering what its all ingly always been there.

This year, for Derek Warwick about. But having been here in the past and being here now I it also serves as a vehicle to re- can honestly say it is still a huge

> "All right, you've not got Mercedes or Jaguar, but you have got eight McLarens, three Ferraris and a very strong Porsche representation. Le Mans is a part of history and that is important, but I believe

it is also important today. "Let's face it, Formula One isn't exactly rich in talent at the moment, Michael Schumacher was magnificent in Spain a couple of weeks ago, in a class of his own, but quite frankly he had no opposition.

"I raced in 147 grands prix and in every one of those there were a number of great drivers. Today there is only one great

driver in grand prix racing.

There may be no Schumacher at Le Mans, but there very close and very strong. That makes for good motor racing and makes it all worth while. Le Mans is a bloody good show."

### **Peyron the favourite**

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J Furyls, N Faldo (GB), M Pareon (US), D Junel, Marrier
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Complete first-round scores

STUART ALEXANDER

The ever-popular but now French-dominated and run Singlehanded Trans-Atlantic race are the most likely to stop him sees 58 yachts from 14 countries doing the double. start the 10th run from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island, tomorrow.

It continues to attract a majority of Corinthian amateurs, is determined to show that in-but the main focus will be on the multihuli flyers and the clutch of monohulls tuning up for the Vendée Globe non-stop sinelchander in November.

The 1992 winner Loick Peyron is back in the trimaran Fujicolor II, designed by Nigel Irens, and his compatriots Paul Vatine (Haute Normandie) and Laurent Bourgnon (Primagaz)

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only five hours of single-handed work in the new Aqua Quorum. The 34-year-old former marine bigger boats. Aqua Quorum features a swinging 12ft keel and the race is, he says, a data-gathering exercise for November.

## Bishop bangs heads and demands unity

gether last night when he ortheir act together, at least in public.

cised RFU officials involved in the TV negotiations with Sky, but will be issued through the offi-who is subject to the president's cial RFU media office.

RFU was to be signed last week. He criticised fellow se-nior officials by saying:

nior officials by saying:

It is rare for presidents to use such commanding words as "di-rected" and "instruction". But followed by the president, pastit was necessary for Bishop to implement public unity for the ing by Warwickshire's John Richardson.

The background to this unique, one-track approach is

"Democracy no longer pre-vails within the RFU." This was president Dennis Easby and treasurer Colin Herridge - a powerful trio - deploring Brit-Officially, two of the three major disputes in English rug-

by have now been resolved - the row with the clubs and the feud between the game's rulers. But the great split with the other

You do not play bad because you go to a disco or you drink something or smoke. There must be other reasons. Berti Vogts, German coach on the drinking debate at

It's not my problem whether it crossed the line. Bobby Mikhailov, Bul-

Terry [Venables] felt this

#### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Euro 96.

If it did I would remind you: this is how England won the 1966 World Cup. garia's goalkeeper, after television replays showed that Romania had been denied an equaliser.

was one particular line that he was able to pass by. Response from the FA to Uri Geller's offer to psyche up the England team. It could only happen in Britain. At the French Open last week they even allowed Yannick Noah to sing a song on Centre Court. David Lloyd, British Davis Cup captain, on the decision to put Tim Henman, Britain's No 1, on an outside court at Queen's Club.

#### third from Simon Organ, making his debut for Wales.

Organ is on song for Wales

In a training match yesterday at Milton Keynes, Wales beat Scotland 3-0 in the first of three games over the weekend as both teams start their buildup for September's World Cup Preliminary Tournament in Sardinia, writes Bill Colwill.

that the first half was goalless, Russelsheim.

On the domestic front there is surprise news from Slough that they have parted company

but Wales took command after

the interval with two goals from

Ian Hughes-Rowland and a

with their coach Ian Jennings two weeks after he led them to With both teams taking time a silver medal in the European to settle down it was no surprise Club Championship in

### WEEKEND FIXTURES

ATHLETICS: Oympe mais/AAA National Champ-ionaligs (Birmingham). GOUP: European Senios Classic (Castle Roys), Mani-mhearit: Northumbetand Challenge (Sig-

(Queen's Club, London): DFS women's classi (Edglasson Priory Club, Birmingham).

Other sports

TOMORROW

Football

**TODAY** 

Football EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHI GROUP A Scotland v England (3.0) -(at Wembley stadkari)

dia of Ireland v Sothia (8.30) .

Rugby League Rugby Union

TEST MATCH: New Zoeland v Scotland (3.30am) (at Dunedin), TOUR MATCH: NSW Country v Wales (5.30am)

Hockey INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Mess: Netherlands v Germanv (3.0) for Million Meynes statium); Wales v Scotland (5.0); ast Million Meynes club ground). Woment Group Brown v Germany (1.0) (at Mil-ton Maynes statium).

Speedway FOUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (7.30): Qualify-ing round second leg: Bradford v Hull v Britain's Pete Goss has done

#### **Rugby Union**

Bill Bishop, the hard-pressed president of the Rugby Football Union, tried to bang heads todered the bickering parties of the executive committee to get

His directive for a public united front followed open criticism by committee members and was issued after yesterday's meeting of the executive committee. The meeting was chained by Cliff Brit-tle, who earlier this week criti-

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 8 Yests 7 (LO In-nings): Ceveland 6 New York Yarkees 2; Kancas Cay 10 Balamera 2; Milwautees 16 Outland 3; Californa 6 Toronto 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Sen Francisco 12 House ton 9; Fonda 4 Philaping 3; Los Angeles 6 As-tanta 3; Chicago Cubs 6 Sen Drago 3 (14 Analogs): New York Mets 2 St Lours 1; Colorado 4 Philadelphia 1.

Equestrianism
Liggraphouse Nations CLP: 1 The Natherlands & faults; 2 Belgium 12: 3 = Great Swiper, Swiperism 16: 5 France 18.25; 6 Canada 40, 75, 68: Subtime (N Switter) 12 faults, 4 Faults; Orthos (R Smith) 4, clear; Garmunsch U Whitpiant 4, 4: Twostap (M Whitaker) clear.

REPUBLIC OF RELAND TEAM (US Cap v Bo-bela, Glastic Stadium, East Rotherford, NJ, tonight): Given (Blackburn); Fleming (Mid-desbrough), Casningham (Wimbledon), Ker-

Ringson Rovers v South Wates (6.30); Hunslet v Presiot (3.30); Leigh v Brannley (6.0); Swinton v York (6.30)-

BYTERHATIONAL MATCHES: Mear: Germany v Palestan (12.0) (at Mitton Reynes Statium); Gesel Bettan v Natherlands (4.0) (at Mitton Reynes sociatur), Woosen't Wales v Scotland (8.30am) (at Mitton Reynes statium); Germany v Speniculo); Germany v Sp

POUR TEAM CHARPIONISMIP Qualifying round third lag: Scottish Monarchs v Bouldard v Sheffled v Modificationaly (6.30) for Glasgaw, CONFERENCE, LEAGUE? Eastbourne v Milden-hall (1.0): Linktingow v Berwol (2.30); Swindon v Reading (6.0).

CONTERENCE LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL: Gold Out (3.0) (at Button).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League: London Monarchs v Rhem Fire (3.0) (at Starmford

ATHLETICS: Olympic triels/AAA National Champ

COUP. European Seniors Classic (Castle Royal, Medicinhead); Northumberland Challenge (Sta-ley Hall, Northumberland).

ionships (Birmingham). CYCLENG: Isle of Man international week.

Football

Hockey

Speedway

Other sports

authority.

Officials spent the day thrashing out a unified policy

that should end the rows that have split the English game. In future, all utterings from Twick-enham will follow the party line. The RFU statement said:

disconnected the retires as president on 12 July and will be succeed-ed at the annual general meet-"Further to the RFU executive committee meeting today, the president, Bill Bishop, has directed that all members of the executive should respect their Brittle's accusation that he

SPORTING DIGEST

naghan (Manchester City), Harte (Leeds), Phelsa (Chelsa), Savage (Mänal), O'Reia (Irannes), Farrally (Habur Vita), O'Nelli (No-work), Moore (Middesbough), Sobetitabec Breen (Birmyghan), Kermedy (Liverpool), McLoughille (Portsmouth), Bonner (Cetic).

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EUROPEAN SINIOR CLASSIC (Castle Royal, Maldenhead) Leading first-round accress (QB or kt unless startard; 66 J Morgan, 67 D Husth, H Schurnscher (Swri), 68 T Horton, C Aldred, L Mornor (US); 8 Wates, 69 H Flatmen, M Bernbridge, J Fourie (SA), B Huggest, 70 B Vervey (SA), D Creamer, S Lancaster (US), A Bickerdite, F Abreu (Sp), N Ratoffle (Aust), M Murphy, PRMS LEADERSHOMED; 1 & Schengery (Sue)

(Aust), M Murphy.

PRING LEADIERBOARD: 1 A Sorenstam (Swe) 359.54pts, 2 L Davies (GB) 352.99, 3 L Neumann (Swe) 292.05, 4 K Robbins (US) 224.81, 5 M Mailon (US) 218.79, 6 M McGann (US) 180.73, 7 P Sneeham (US) 180.46, 8 K Webb (Aus) 179.18, 9 J Geddes (US) 170.20, 10 B Damiel (US) 166.32, GB: 18 A Nicholas 110.00, 36 L Fairclough 66.75, 40 P Wright 58.16, 41 L Hackney 57.80.

Cardiff Devis have signed Frank Caprice, the 34-year-old Canadian netminder. Caprice spent seven seasons in the Ni-L with Vancouver but more recently has been playing in the Italian Premier

Birmingham Blaze have signed Jarkko Kortesoja, the 24-year-old Firmish net-minder, beating off competition from a

number of Austrian and Swiss clubs.

New Zealand Maoris scored three tries in the second half to beat Western Samoa 28-15 in Auckland yesterday, It was Western Samoa's last match on

Bridgend have made up for the loss of Wales time-quener Genth Thomas to Pontypridd by securing six new players. Portypool's capitain Wayne Monts will their new scrum-half and his team-mate Month Waller, the June Services

Kevin Walker, the younger brother of Wales cap Nigel, will also make the

Rugby League

Rugby Union

ARL PREMIERSHIP (elever bene Broncos 4 Manly 18.

their seven-game tour,

corporate responsibility and was not told that the Sky TV Five Nations countries has yet speak publicly with one voice at agreement worth £87m to the to be resolved. switch as a winger in the pack. Maesteg's Critis Stephens joins along with Wates Students' hooker Christian Fern's from Caerphilip and Justin Burnell from Neath in the back row, with Debt Mailland on the wine.

Paul Turner, the former Wales thy-half, has agreed to join the Courage League Two club Bedford, as player-coach. Turner was confrovasially socked as player-coach at First Division Sale last month and an extension of the coach at First Division Sale last month and an extension of the coach at First Division. and an action group failed to have him

Sailing A 10th, seventh and fourth yesterday pushed the defending champions, John Merricks and Ian Welker, up to fourth overall in the 470 European Championship of Merricks (Mercick) and Merricks and Ian Welker, up to fourth overall in the 470 European Championship of Mercick (Mercick).

onship at Haying Island yesterday, bur, with one race remaining, the Russians appear to have gold in the bag with brorze the best consoletion hope for Britain. Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr moved into the top six when they won the 11th race, boosting confidence that the 1.1th race, boosting confidence that they can turn in an Olympic performance when things go well.

470 EUROPEAN CHAMPONSHIP (Hayling Island): Women (necessal after 11 races with two discards): 1.5 Bauckhot and K Adikofer (Gen, 50.75ptc, 2 P Bahr and C Pinnow (Ger 51: 3 R targar and E Parlockitk (Ulr) 53.5. GB: 6 B Ragisti and S Carr 68.75, Mon (overall after 11 races with two discards): 1.0 Berestin and E Burmatnov (Rus) 42.5pts; 2 M Westerind and H Walfin (Swe) 60; 3 H Morticia and I Walfer (GS) -70.

Specturery
Specturery the evidence on 25 June, including the riders' claims that they refused to race because they believed new tyres intro-duced by the FIM were too dengerous. Only three riders - World long track cham-pion Kelvin Tatum (London), oversees champion Ryan Sulfivan (Peterborough) and Mark Lemon (Oxford) - were willing to use the tyres, with the result that the meeting was cancelled as a World Championship event. 

CHALLENGE MATCH (Sheffleld): World Sizera 35 Carisberg Denes.

Swimming's world governing body may relax some of the tough anti-doping penalties it approved last November. Cornel Marculescu, the director of the international Swimming Federation office in Leusanne, said yesterday proposals for change had been made because of inconsistencies in the creative and the said section of the sai inconsistencies in the current rules and experience in appeals cases. New pro-

countries an appears cases. Ivem pro-posals foresee a minimum two-year sus-pension for a first case of anebolic steroid use, a reduction of the present four-year ban, and a ben from four years up to life for a second offence. Monica Seles yesterday confirmed her entry as a wild card for her first appearance in next week's Direct Line insurance Championships in Eastbourne. There had been feers that Seles' first appearance in Britain since she was stabled at a Hemburg tournament in April 1993 would be scuppered by a regaling shoulder Injury, which kept her out

April 1993 would be suppered by a reg-ging shoulder Injury, which kept her out of action for three months earlier this year. Seles and Stoffi Graff are among nine of the world's top 15 scheduled for Eastbourne. The others include Con-chita Martinez, Jana Novotna, Chanda Rubin, Lindsay Davenport, Mary Jo Fer-nandez, Kimlko Date and Mary Pierce. The Northern Electric Onen we're too. The Northern Electric Open men's ten-nis tournament, which was due to be staged at Newcastle from 22 to 28 July has been cancelled. The David Lloyd Culi-at Castle Farm, which was hosting the ATP Challenger event, has been un-dergoing re-development and the work will not be completed in time for the tournament to be held.

### TODAY'S NUMBER

The position in Scottish radio's network chart reached this weekend by "Purple Heather", the Euro 96 song recorded by Rod Stewart and the Scotland squad. A good omen for today's showdown at Wembley?

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## . Knight's finger the only headache

Cricket Correspondent

It is not often that England's se-lectors find themselves contemplating the Hock rather than the hemlock but, after England's powerful win at Edg-baston, that is precisely what they would have been doing had tonight's pre-selection dinner actually taken place.

Warwick put state his love to Instead, with none of the five selectors being within 100 miles

a ritual teg gloom with

DEREK PRINGLE

Warwickshire 306

Yorkshire 293-4

wise dull day.

reports from Headingley

Cricket does not come much

more begrudging than it did at Headingley yesterday. On a

slow pitch starting to show signs of wear, and with neither side

wanting to concede ground to

the other, this clash of the titans

moved at a tectonic rate. Only

a workmanlike century by Mar-

tyn Moxon enlivened an other-

son was the long-suffering skip-

per at Yorkshire, is clearly

enjoying a career back in civvies. So far this season, when

his eggshell digits have allowed.

he has been in marvellous form.

and he when he reached 33, he

ioined six other current players.

in passing 20,000 runs for his

hour after lunch, which re-

vealed his intentions of a big

score, he kept his innings tick-

ing along at much the same

pace, sweeping and driving both

spinners when their line and

length wavered, even striking

Neil Smith for a huge six over

Michael Bevan proved an un-flinching ally after Michael

Vaughan and David Byas had

both been bowled, and he

shared the first of two 100 part-

nerships Moxon was involved in.

the other coming with Tony Mc-

season. Bevan is the leading

tion will be taken against Der-

mot Reeve following his

controversial bat-throwing in-

Raj Maru in the Championship

match at Edgbaston, took dras-

tic action to prevent the possibility of being caught off the glove by close fielders.

The Warwickshire captain

elected to discard his bat and

would therefore not be given

out if he was caught off the glove

as a batsman has to be holding

Richard Little, a spokesman

cident last month.

In 11 first-class innings this al boundaries.

edging an arm ball from resumes today.

run-sorer in the country having heavily in his unbeaten fifty and

scored 869 runs at an average one that Warwickshire will no

of just under 80. His dismissal, doubt try and stem when play

Reprieve for Reeve

The Test and County Cricket for the TCCB, said: "We have

Reeve, batting against would not like it happening in

Hampshire's slow left-armer the future because it is not in

Board has confirmed that no ac- issued a letter to the counties

Grath either side of tea.

He needed partners and

Apart from a runless half an

Moxon, who before this sea-

Atherton in Chester-le-Street they will have to content themselves with picking the team for Lord's next Thursday by mobile phone. As things went so well at Edgbaston, the only thing which might run up a decent sized bill is an injury to Nick

Considering Edgbaston is his home ground, it was ironic that Knight broke the little finger of his right hand while batting there. It is the latest frustration of the other - Graham Gooch in a career that has so far failed

for although Dermot Reeve's cautious field settings made it

difficult for him to score his

runs, he did not look in trouble

at any stage and scarcely played

a curious season by his upbeat standards. Billed as cricket's Mr

Positive, Reeve has had a

change of polarity and what with

yesterday's negative field set-

tings following his bat throwing incident of few weeks ago (over

which, Lord's said yesterday, no

action will be taken), he is

clearly feeling the pressure of

trying to top the achievements

caution was understandable,

and by limiting Yorkshire's lead,

he is trying to give his spinners a chance of winning the match

on Monday when Yorkshire

Spotting this, Yorkshire sold

their wickets more dearly than

a pound of truffles. When Mox-

on went 45 minutes before the

close, to a smart running catch

by Andy Moles, it was only the

Chances were therefore at a

Taking an obvious liking to

Pollock - who after six weeks of

the county grind is not looking

the same bowler who peppered

England on his Test debut at

Centurion Park - he clipped the

through the on-side for sever-

It was a shot that featured

about this matter asking them

to talk to their players about it.

What Dermot has done is hit on

a grey area in the law but we

Little confirmed the amoires

"We have not looked into

took no action but reported the

incident to the TCCB, who

changing the rules because it is

actually covered under the spirit of the game," he said. "But if

it was to happen again, we

would deem that unaccept-

then consulted the MCC.

the spirit of the game."

premium and Tony McGrath

made the most of an early re-

prieve when he was dropped by Shann Pollock at slip off Giles

fourth wicket to fall.

bat last.

Yet in some ways Reeve's

of the previous two years.

Reeve is having something of

**Moxon lifts** 

lively innings

for some continuity, claims he though a lack of in-swing meant will be fit, though Raymond Illingworth is likely to have either Yorkshire's David Byas or Alec Stewart on standby.

The first-Test pitch will have made it difficult to assess just how well some of the bowlers performed, too. Peter Martin wrongly missed out to Min Patel, but Patel, having played, ought to be retained for Lord's despite the ease with which In-

dia's batsmen play spin.

By debut standards, Alan
Mullally also had a good game.

his line at times verged on the negative. His place is safe for the moment, but he will be pushed by a resurgent Darren Gough, eager to return to the limelight,

and bowling well. Ronnie Irani was another whose first taste of Test cricket has been pleasant, and his strident 34 in as many balls was crucial in kick-starting the England innings. However, his bowling was friendlier than a gameshow host's patter, and his

feel they need his bowling, and whether or not he can make the necessary improvements.

He may of course retain his position solely as a batsman, despite Illingworth's stated preference for a suitable all-rounder at No 6 and, should Illingworth's view hold sway, he may find himself competing later in the summer with Craig White and Adam Hollicake

Either way, Irani will play at Lord's, which means further ignominy for John Crawley, who

share of bad luck, and there is a growing feeling that he may be one of those unfortunates destined to leave the game with their talents unfulfilled. Fortunately for Crawley, both youth

and talent are firmly on his side. If he needs to take succour from anywhere, he should look no further than Chris Lewis and Nasser Hussain. A year ago both were pondering uncertain futures. Barring injury, they can both ink the remainder of the summer's Tests into their diaries.

## Muster digs in to uproot **Woodforde**

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Queen's Club

After all the sniping about Thomas Muster's elevation in the rankings on a platform of clay courts, the Austrian can now point out wryly that he has won more grass-court matches this season than Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi put together.

The leading Americans have yet to set foot here, of course, but Muster's determination to prove that he is not exactly cannon fodder on the fast stuff has already been rewarded with an appearance in the semi-finals of the Stella Artois Champi-

His biggest test so far is likely to come today, when he plays Stefan Edberg, one of the game's greatest exponents of serve and volley. The 30-year-old Swede's revitalised form in his valedictory season continued with a spirited win against the Amercian sixth seed, Todd Martin, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

It will be Edberg's first semifinal of the year, and the con-trast in styles and the gulf in experience on the surface should make for an entertaining contest. Having said that, Edberg, the No 14 seed, has won their seven previous match-

Muster, starting with his Davis Cup success against South Africa's Marcos Ondruska in Johannesburg in February, has now won four senior matches on grass, the most impressive being yesterday's quarter-final victory against Australia's Mark Woodforde,

l-6, 7-5, 6-3. Woodforde knows his way round the lawns. Although he has not advanced beyond the fourth round of the Wimbledon singles in 10 attempts, he has won the doubles title for the past three years in partnership with his compatriot, Todd Woodbridge.

Having made the top-seeded Muster look a novice in the opening set, Woodforde was as impressed as everyone else with his opponent's stirring comeback, but complained bitterly about the Austrian's behav-

"He was shouting out 'faggot' to me, and I did not take kindly to that," Woodforde said. "He started once I was ahead, and hampionships because of

match. He doesn't do it to the top guys. I don't respect the guy oever. No other player behaves like that.

"He got away with it. The um-pire just called the score. If I heard it, the umpire must have heard it. We have a long history of playing each other. He wants to beat me as badly as I want to heat him. I'm upset."

A puzzled Muster denied the accusation. "I can't remember that I said anything to him personally," he said. "I say many things to myself. I call my self many things when I play, but not my opponents. If he has something to complain about, be should say it to me."

Whatever words came to Muster's lips, his grunting was loud and clear as he drove himself into the match, showing the confidence to increase the power of his serves and countering Woodforde's advances to the net with pounding groundstrokes and the occasional deft

Woodforde may have thought he had finally breached the Austrian's resolve when he broke for 3-2 in the third set, but this merely galvansied Muster. He broke back immediately for 3-3 - revelling in a 16-shot rally in the process - and then crucially for 5-3, stranding Woodforde with a lob. Muster even had the audicity to serve the match out with an ace.

Boris Becker, the No 2 seed, continued his rehabilitation after recovering from a thigh injury, advancing to the last four with a 7-5, 6-4 win against Australia's Patrick Rafter.

Both players found difficulty in controlling their shots in the opening set, chiefly because of the windy conditions, but the quality of Becker's play improved once he had gained the initiative. Becker, who acknoweldges

that his career was "born on grass here in London", seems keen to make it official by becoming Lord of the Manor of Wimbledon. The hereditary title has been in Earl Spencer's family since 1744, and Becker may be among the bidders for it when it is put up for auction.
"As Earl Spencer hasn't spoken to me personally, I can't talk about it in public," Becker said

Gabriela Sabatini has withdrawn from the Wimbldon kept it up throughout the pulled stomach muscle.

# has a strained hamstring. He has incurred more than his fair progress as an all-rounder will depend on how much England His bounce and pace are handy,

Run machine: Graham Gooch forces on the off-side on his way to his 123rd century

## **Elementary hundred for Gooch**

**Titchard endures to Durham's dismay** 

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HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Chelmsford Northants 214 and 133-0 Essex 308

Sherlock Holmes was needed at the County Ground, not to bat or bowl, but to solve the mystery of the "Ball Which Swung The original ball was lost in the 37th over and when it was found South African fast bowler 14 overs later it had acquired a remarkable ability to swing something which it had shown no signs of doing earlier - and

completely disrupted Essex. Having gone into hunch at 200 for 1 after Graham Gooch had

reports from Chester-le-Street

Steve Titchard gritted his teeth

and dropped anchor here ves-

terday to play one of the more

painstaking and indeed painful

nnings of his life, But it was ex-

actly what Lancashire needed

on this pitch and it paved the

way for more fluent half-cen-turies by Warren Hegg and

Ian Austin, leaving Durham to

contemplate another difficult

day on which much of their

Lancashire 264 and 395-8

Durham 181

reached his 123rd century with thunderous certainty, they found Paul Taylor an entirely different proposition. He took 5 for 16 in 48 balls, including Gooch and Nasser Hussain to balls that swung back into the right hander.

John Emburey had come on to bowl the 37th over of the innings and in his first over, Hussain, who in his present mood would make light of any challenge, danced down the pitch and drove him far into the gardens behind the sightscreen. The ball could not be found and the unpires chose another.

reached new depths of medi-

The good news for Durham

was that Melvyn Betts came

back well after his no-ball tor-

ments of the previous day. He

had clearly put in much hard

work on his run-up and deliv-

ery strides. He transgressed

only once, moved the ball away

from the bat at a healthy pace

and only fielding lapses denied

him some reward for a perfor-

one area of concern for

Durham. The other was that

their attacks bowled much too

Errors in the field were just

mance full of character.

some of the groundstaff to search for the old one. When they found it it was returned to the game and suddenly began to swing like a boomerang. Taylor howled with excellent

control, taking full advantage of this unexpected bonus and giving Northamptonshire a chance to get back into the match, which their opening batsmen built on in the evening.,

Only Stuart Law was able to cope and his 40 stretched Essex's lead to 94, which still may

turn out to be enough.

the increasingly impressive Glen Chapple had got their

wickets by pitching the ball up

And then there was the enig-matic Steve Lugsden. He will

not be 20 until next month and

has the rare gift of genuine, if

extremely raw pace. But in striving for it in this his first

Championship game for two

seasons after back problems, he

bowled 10 wides, plus a good

deal of other stuff that did not

demand a stroke. But when he

got it right he was a rare hand-ful, though he appeared to be

a slow learner. For instance,

having removed Mike Atherton

and giving it time to do some

ball which was soft, sent off went on thumping his left leg some of the groundstaff to down the pitch and driving venomously in the arc between wide mid-on and extra-cover. He is batting as well as ever and there is no finer sight on the county circuit. Another unusual touch to a

bizarre day came towards the end of the Essex innings when a fawn suddenly appeared on the ground in front of the scoreboard. Looking rather startled, it proceeded to do half a lap of honour before leaping the boundary and almost landing in a woman's lap before disapto tempires chose another. Earlier, Gooch, looking more pearing. Holmes always wore a Gooch, who was apparently than ever like the Pirate King deer-stalker, so he might have unhappy with the replacement from the Pirates Of Penzance, solved that one, too.

length, his first ball to the new

batsman was a wide. Then when

Titchard was hit on the helmet

by one that failed to bounce as

expected, he could not produce

Titchard got stuck in and gave

the vorker that was surely re-

it the full grind. He was unde-terred neither by another blow

on the body nor by the fact that

Lugsden's follow-through usu-

ally left him within glaring dis-

tance of the batsman. By the

time he did succumb to a short

ball from the same source, he

had held things together for

three hours and put the game

out of Durham's reach.

quired next ball.

### **Drug tests could** fall foul of the law

A High Court judge, ruling on an injunction brought against the International Tennis Federation by Mats Wilander and be something wrong with the Karel Novacek, has decided testing. Almost everything the that the ITF's drugs procedure may be in restraint of trade under English law and may also be everything the ITF did, they also in breach of the provisions of the European Community, writes John Roberts.

If this is the case, it could have serious implications for anti-doping procedures in sport at large. The two players, who strongly deny any allegations of drug use, are challenging the validity of the ITF's tests.

Wilander, the former world No 1, and Novacek, a Czech Davis Cup player, are alleged to have tested positive for cocaine at last year's French Open. Mr Justice Lightman con-

cluded his decision by saying: Irrespective of the outcome of this action, the ITF would I think be well advised to to re-consider Rule 53 [anti-doping procedure] and its drafting as a matter of urgency." An ITF spokesperson point-

ed out that the case had dealt only with technicalities. "We believe that our rules are sound and will continue to defend them," she said. "This ruling does not have a bearing on the merits of the case." The ITF's procedure allows

for a player to be informed if an A sample tests positive and to be present at the B sample test. If that also proves positive, the player has a right to appeal to an independent review board.

Cocaine is a class two prohibited substance on the tennis tour. Positive test results subject a player to a three-month suspension for a first offence.

The ITF, whose anti-doping programme complies with International Olympic Committee procedures, had hoped to keep any action against players testing positive within the sport rather than through the courts.

Jack Rabinowics, one of the lawyers representing Wilander and Novacek, said: "Both Mats and Karel hope that this will persuade the ITF to cease any action against them.

"All along the players have denied that they took anything and have said that there must laboratory did, they seem to have done hadly and almost seem to have done badly.

"We are quite happy to go to tribunal which would not have the players tied hand and foot and would look at all the evidence and say yes or no. But this is not a true appeals hear-ing, where Mats and Karel can

have a full say.
"This is clearly not the same procedure as the one adopted by the IOC and many other sports governing bodies. The Court of Appeal said early in the hearing that it is a pity that all the governing bodies do not have one unified rule."

# Britannic Assurance County Championship (Second day of four, today 11.0) 95no). DURCHAM - First immings (Overnight: 138 for 8) †D G C Ligariwood not out . Total (SB osers) 183. Fedi (cost): 9-159. Bowling: Merjin 21-5-44-3; Chapple 22-6-64-5; Elworthy 9-1-37-2; Austin 6-1-25-0. LANCASNONE: Second lesings M A Atherton libu b Lugsden 37. N J Socak a Bentridge b Wood 85 P Ticthard a Betts b Lugsden 69. N H Feutrocher a Ligarberod b Brown 18. G D Lloyd a Campbell b Wood 29. "M Weddroon a Bisniprides 25" "M Weddroon a Bisniprides 25"

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## Turks, kilts and Sicilian dancers

oachloads of Czech sup-porters on the M6; Romanians watching beach volleyball in Newcastle; a Manchester City defender playing nightclub DJ to Germans. The first week of Euro 96 has been one of surreal images, occa-sionally sublime football and, in some places, a mounting sense

In others, notably London and elsewhere south of Birmingham, you would have been hard-pressed to realise Euro 96 was going on if it was not for the extensive media coverage.

As the tournament progresses, the capital is likely to discard its customary self-absorption but, for fans from Penzance to Dover, the only solution is to head north. Which is a pity because, like most things, you get out of Euro 96 what you put into it.

Many people are getting a lot out of it, particularly foreign visitors. The message from the Football Supporters' Associa-tion, which has "fan embassies" in each host city, is generally pos-itive. Apart from the constant problems with tickets - getting them and affording them - people are enjoying themselves.

The football has been fairly good, although we are still waiting for the game, and perfor-mance, which will ignite the tournament. This afternoon may meet the first need, it is also the biggest test of fan behavjour.

To date that has been the most encouraging feature of the tournament. In London last Saturday night, Swiss and English fans were drinking together in Leicester Square; in Birmingham on Monday Dutch brush aside the Czech Repuband Scots were conga-ing lic at Old Trafford. Swathes of around the city centre; in Not-empty seats are the first indi-

schoolchildren, having seen the Croats taking their shirts off during the game with Turkey, took theirs off too to mutual applause, all in pouring rain.

One week gone and rich memories are already being created. These are mine...

game, and Engbrightly but fade. And that's

the Swiss. It was goalless at halftime, then Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, swapped from centre-forward to goalkeeper. Just a coincidence.

The main event is equally anti-climactic. Sitting at the tunnel end rather than the press box, I'm able to experience the full delight and despair of watching England. The opening ceremony is the perfect warm-up and the national anthem has not been sung more lustily since the Dutch visited during the Falklands War.

The joy fades as the game goes on but, despite poor seg-regation, the Swiss are left to celebrate in peace. Move on to Birmingham where be-kilted Scots are already in evidence.

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kilt at Villa Park. Instead see Germany

sight of Kubilay Türkyilmaz in a

Leave Birming-ham, and so miss the bizarre A week of football and seven days of Europe at play. A kaleidoscope of images will leave a lasting impression, says Glenn Moore

sell-out figure involves some site, designed with FSA input, creative accounting. Intrigued by the Czechs' Euro 96 song which sounds like a reworking of the old Chelsea favourite: "Blue is the Colour"

After the council discovered that foreigners associate Manchester with football and music, 20 local nightclubs have grouped together to attract visiting supporters. Visit South, where Liam (Gallagher)and Patsy (Kensit) are alleged to have first met, to find Kit Symons spinning the discs and exuberant German fans on the dance floor (not the team).

Manchester's рго-Ешторе campaign continues with a flag-throwing exhibition by a Sicilian dance

troupe at a Catalan bar. Back to Birmingham afterwards by train to see Scotland/Netherlands. The local service from New Street to Aston appears to be running on alcohol fumes but the atmosohere is intoxicating in more ways than one. Scots and Dutch share pints and swap scarves outside Villa Park, applaud each others' anthems inside it.

After Swiss cow-bells and Gonda hats, the fashion notes are provided by the Dutch who sport bowler hats and police helmets moulded from orange

around the city centre; in Not- empty seats are the first indi-tingham on Tuesday local cation that the FA's 95 per cent for Binningham council's camp- made up for it.

and attracting 200-700 fans a

A morning of

football culture. Manchester's Art Galleries mood with sev-One item features the Last Supper arranged in team formation. English 4-4-2 looks stronger than the

continental sweeper system, which has Judas anchoring the midfield. Also a selection of possible team shirts: several candidates spring to mind for the strip decorated with lemons, A. photograph exhibition at the Cornerhouse includes a marvellously evocative shot of Carlos Alberto with a gleaming Jules Rimet trophy.

Afternoon at Antield where The Kop is decorated with a banner reading: "Peterborough Italians welcome the Azzum? Media centre less chaotic than Villa Park but failure of closecircuit TV means press conference is unavailable. At the next desk, an Italian makes do by gleefully reporting the latest "England players in nightclub"

scandal. Afterwards watch Turkey v Croatia on television - the match proves the best advert so far for watching games in the flesh rather than on TV. The game is awful but, according to those there, the atmosphere This is due to the Turks who have besieged the ground since midday, driving around pumping car horns and grid-locking the city. There has been no chorus of anger, however, especially not from Nottingham's three

Arrive at Bishexpecting to see "Traitor's Gate" danbed over the media entrance and Terry Ven-

stalking a passionate defence of the nightclub incident I begin to wish I'd prepared for the evening's England-Scotland press match with a drinking session instead of an early night. It is not hard to see why he was such an inspiring captain.

The Scots, who claim to have "been on the sauce" all week, win 3-2. Maybe Robbo was right. The English press are now desperate for an English win at Wembley.

Though office THU sweeps abound. capital seems resistant to *Euro 96* fever. A num-JUNE ber of factors

are blamed: the lack of foreign fans - it being England's base, the absence of a central governing body to put on events, its customary selfabsorbtion and the many competing attractions.

An effort is being made on the South Bank with a Feast of Football exhibition. However, on visiting the Queen Elizabeth Hall find staff unaware of a

video and photograph presentation in their own foyer. There is also a big screen (made of 25 standard TVs) at Coin Street but, arriving 20 minutes into the

Swiss/Dutch match, find just 18 people and one policeman watching and the viewing gantry roped off as an "unsafe structure". Attendance, which douam Abbey half-bles by the end, includes expecting to see down-and-outs, office workers on the way home, and an American family whose football-playing son insists on watching it. A call to the London FSA

elicits another tale of ticket woe – with a bappy endi stead Bryan Robson gives such tralian honeymoon couple of after suspension and Vogts will until tomorrow. Dutch descent left home before their tickets arrived. The FA prove no help but Mastercard step in with two corporate tickets for the Swiss/Dutch match to show the human side of sponsorship. PR gimmick? Maybe, but the Aussies are not

> and an uneasy truce between players and

press, united in common cause. What the atmosphere will be like on Monday if Scotland win does not bear contempla-

Quote of the week Ian Wright, on seeing the dragon emerge breathing fire and smoke during the opening ceremony, said: "George Graham used to come into the dressing room like

Request of the week: From two Portuguese fans to the PSA office in Sheffield: "Where's the

# Spanish fear. attacking art of Djorkaeff

Spain and France, upped by many to reach at least the last four, could unleash their attacking skills when they meet in Group B at Elland Road tonight a repeat of the 1984 final.

The Spanish need to win having drawn their opening game with Bulgaria, who sub-sequently beat Romania. France should simply be more relaxed than they were in beating Romania 1-0 last weekend. It's in the second matches

that teams' strengths are liber-ated," France's coach, Aimé

Jacquet, said. "In their first game Spain played under great pressure and did not reach their true level. Against France we can xpect to see a different Spain." Spain's central defender, Miguel Angel Nadal, who sits out the match completing a twomatch suspension, made his cam-mates' intentions clear. "We're going for the three points. We can't speculate with a draw, then a win against Romania, we must win," he said.

The Spanish are wary of the threat of striker Youri Djorkaeff. The Atletico Madrid midfielder Jose Luis Caminero

They have a similar playing style to Spain and they have a man like Djorkaeff with more inspiration and talent.

The last time Spain met France was in the 1984 final won 2-0 by Michel Platini's French side in Paris, Both sides are unbeaten in about two years -France in 24 matches since Jacquet took charge after their failure to reach the 1994 World Cup finals. Spain have gone 17 games unbeaten since falling to Italy in the World Cup quarter-

finals in Boston.

Neither coach will name his side until just before kick-off, but France will probably be un-changed, but Javier Clemen, has hinted he will make four changes to the Spanish side. Having lost the striker Juan Antonio Pizzi through suspension, Alfonso, the substitute who equalised against Bulgaria. looks set to lead the attack.

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The Deportivo La Coruña midfielder Donato, the Real Madrid forward Jose Amavisca said: They are a well scructured and the Valencia defender Jorge team, quite solid at the back. Otero also look likely to play.

### Vogts keeps cool as **Basler lets off steam**

Berti Vogts, the German coach, yesterday played down some petulant protests from his ental midfield player, Mario Basler.

The Bayern Munich-bound Basler, struggling with an ankle injury, was quoted as saying Vogts did not talk to him and did not regard him as a firstchoice player. "I haven't just had an operation to sit on the bench here," he told a Berlin news-

However, Vogts said from the team's training camp in Ches-hire: "We have talked about it. The chapter is closed."

Another midfielder, Dieter Eilts, who was a team-mate of Basler at Werder Bremen this season, added: "There is great harmony in our ranks. We are not going to get knocked off the

Vogts has not announced his team to face Russia at Old Trafford tomorrow, but Jürgen Germany v Russia
Old Trafford

choose between Oliver Bierhoff and Stefan Kuntz as Klins-

mann's striking partner.
The coach said he was delighted to welcome back the former Tottenham man. "He will give us an extra boost," Vogts said. "He is the leading per-sonality in the team."

Vogts said he was not worried that six of his players had picked up yellow cards in the 2-0 win against the Czech Republic last Sunday and might be hesitant against the Russians. "You car." still close players down even when you have a yellow card to

your name," Vogts said.
The Russian defender, Yevgeni Bushmanov, will take no
further part in the tournament owing to an ankle injury sustained in the 2-1 defeat by Italy on Tuesday. Like the Germans,

#### **Boksic and Boban doubts** hand Vlaovic his chance

Goran Vlaovic is pressing for a place in Croatia's starting lineup after his dramatic matchwinning appearance as a substitute agaist Turkey at the City Ground on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old forward, who is being chased by both Valencia and Fiorentina, is likely to play in place of Alen Boksic, who has both a cut head and a foot injury. The captain, Zvonimir Boban, is also doubtful after straining medial ligaments in a knee. The midfielder Mario Stanic is another doubt with a

The Croats' coach, Miroslav Blazevic, said he was not entirely happy with the way his side had played in beating Turkey, adding "It can only get better." He added that he felt he had the strength in depth in his squad to cope easily enough with any enforced changes.

The Danes, in contrast to the

Hillsborough Tomorrow, 6.0am

well, producing a disciplined display to hold classy Portugal to a 1-1 draw last Sunday. Peter Schmeichel, who kept them in the match at Hillsborough, said: "It was a good result for us against a very accomplished team. Croatia have a lot of talent as well, but we are happy with our team play and morale

which is very high."

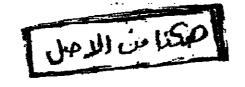
Denmark's fitness doubts revolve around the versatile Ipswich Town player, Claus Thomsen, who has a back muscle problem, and Henrik Larsen, once of Aston Villagi. who has an ankle injury.

It could mean a place in the starting line-up for Kim Vilfort, who scored one of the goals in the 1992 final against Germany but was only a late substitute for Croats, started the tournament the opening game this time.

# This time the fans won't wear draws

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That and the gloating cry of "What does the World Cup mean now?" heard in the Wembley press box after Scotland's 2-1 victory in 1967 encapsulates the subjectivity that is sure to be evident among reporters from both camps today when proceedings get under way in

The past has seen furious arguments in the press seats, even punchups. "Why do we bother with this meaningless fixture?" a famed Daiiv Express columnist goaded during a period of English ascendancy. Wembley in 1961, England simply piled on goals to win 9-3, a disaster

Watching Alan Ball go off to play against Scotland, an Everton apprentice yelled: "I hope you get stuffed," across the car park. "It was the first time I'd ever heard him speak," Ball recalled, Jack Charlton had a similar experience when turning out for Leeds. "You must be joking," Alf Ramsey snorted when he was welcomed at Glasgow airport. In ills real and imagined, the Scots

see historical arrogance. Proving to

be a much superior combination at

ing from Jim Baxter. After opening the scoring, Baxter stood with arms aloft. "That's the greatest goal in Wembley's history," he said as teammates arrived in congratulation.

No great names now, but to be drawn in the same European Championship group as Scotland was bound to make England nervous. "If I was coaching another country it would not matter so much," Terry Venables said a few weeks ago. "But for England the game presents special problems. If the Scots hadn't won for a year



they would still be up for this one, give ing everything they've got, playing with the tremendous passion I saw in Dave Mackay when we were at Tottenham The braveheart factor was clear in an interview Bill Shankly gave shortly before another match in the ancient sequence. Asked how it had felt in the dressing room before

say: 'Go and sort out these English bastards' - but no - it's an English paper I'm appearing in. 'Give every-thing for Scotland', that's what I'd hear the lion saying"

In his efforts to modernise think-ing in Scottish football, Jock Stein attempted to play down the fixture's importance when it was played on an ual basis. "Of course it's always one that you want to win," he said. "A matter of great pride to Scotland, but people get carried away with the idea that nothing else matters. Beat England and that takes care of things for another season. That, I think, has held us back a bit '

This was equally true of the anti-

English-based players. For example, Jimmy Logie, who was an outstanding inside-forward of the type known in his time as a schemer and also captained Arsenal, received only one cap. The greatest player in Tottenham Hotspur's history, Dave Mackay, was never a fixture. Even Denis Law was regarded with some

If Scotland's greatest victory came in 1929 when a diminutive attack outplayed England 5-1 to become immortalised as the Wembley Wixards, more account is paid to England's first defeat as world champion

Typically, the fact that England's defence was seriously weakened by an injury to Jack Charlton that left him to play most of the match as a

limping centre-forward was not seen to be important by Scottish re-porters, one dismissing it as a tacti-cal ploy that backfired on Ramsey. The intense fervour Scotland brought to that match was monumental, as though, in the words of one patriot, they were responding to a conviction that the rest of the world was conspiring to conceal how re-

markable they really were. Andacious infiltrations of a system that had restored respect for England internationally were inspired by the virtuosity that once characterised Scottish football.

Craig Brown will be sending out a far more functional team than the one of Baxter, Law, Billy Bremner, Bobby Lennox and Jimmy McCalliog - but what has it got to do with me, a neutral?

## **Portugal** end Turkish dreams

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> A fervent atmosphere generat-led largely by Turkey's excitable collowers disguised an undisinguished Group D match iere, won unconvincingly by 'ortugal through a 66th-minute olley by the Parma defender. emando Couto.

The result spells elimination or Turkey and the end of a elirious adventure for the nousands of their countrymen ho had flocked to Nottingham nese last few days, only to see neir side lose twice at the City fround by the same scoreline. Portugal complete their proramme here next Wednesday gainst Croatia, who meet Denak in Sheffield tomorrow. Al-Nugh a point could be enough n Antonio Oliveira's team, so ght is this group that an outght win might still be necessary. And that is something they annot take for granted, by any seans. For all their clever suches, the Portuguese look esentially lightweight and the re-match suggestion by Rui osta, their midfield creator. nat they lack a striker of genine international calibre, has a

BODAN I Indeed, the Tirks, had they not twealed shortcomings of their win in attack, might easily have mbarrassed the team dubbed e "Brazil of Europe", especially ad a dubious challenge by lelder on Saffet Sançaklı been unished with a penalty.

Turkey moved comfortably rough midfield, exposing the ortuguese back line to sever-

let themselves down with a wasteful final pass. For all their possession, they failed to properly stretch goalkeeper Vitor Baia, who was not required to make a single save of note.

The balance of clear chances at least, confirmed the result as a just one. In the first half, Ricardo Sa Pinto should have scored his second goal of the tournament, side-footing wide of the far post after a cross by Rui Costa who had brilliantly outwitted Abdullah Ercan and Ogün Temizkanoglu. Later in the first half, Helder's acrobatic attempt to deflect Sa Pinto's shot past goalkeeper Rüstü Recber flashed narrowly wide.

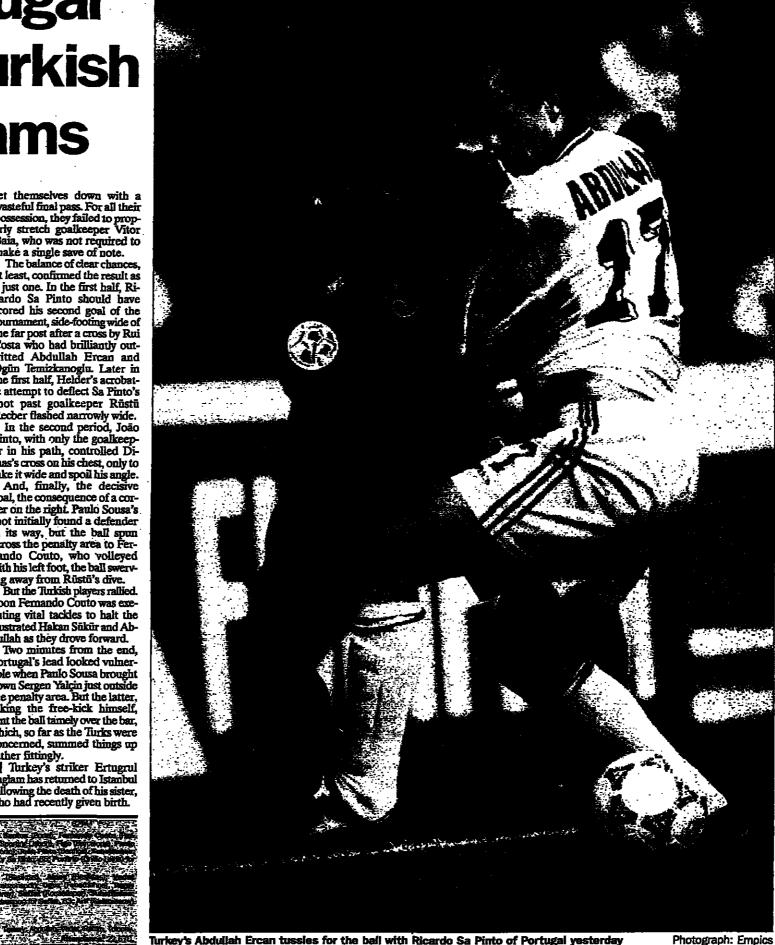
Pinto, with only the goalkeeper in his path, controlled Dimas's cross on his chest, only to take it wide and spoil his angle. And, finally, the decisive ner on the right. Paulo Sousa's shot initially found a defender in its way, but the ball spun across the penalty area to Fer-

with his left foot, the ball swerving away from Rüstü's dive. But the Turkish players rallied. Soon Fernando Couto was executing vital tackles to halt the frustrated Hakan Sükür and Ab-

nando Conto, who volleyed

dullah as they drove forward. Two minutes from the end, Portugal's lead looked vulnerable when Paulo Sousa brought down Sergen Yalçin just outside the penalty area. But the latter, taking the free-kick himself, sent the ball tamely over the bar, which, so far as the Turks were concerned, summed things up rather fittingly.

Turkey's striker Ertugrul Saglam has returned to Istanbul following the death of his sister, I moments of unease, only to who had recently given birth.



Turkey's Abdullah Ercan tussles for the ball with Ricardo Sa Pinto of Portugal yesterday

#### Vierrington 'shocked' by **Southampton dismissal**

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on, less than a month after his de had successfully avoided elegation from the Premier-1ip. Nine victories in 38 league ames proved not enough for ie 51-year-old former probaon officer, despite a run to the A Cup quarter-finals. "To say 's a great shock is a massive unerstatement," he said. Alan Ball's walk-out to join fanchester City led to Merington's promotion to the top ob after 11 years as youth eam coach. He failed to imrove the Saints' form and they mly made sure of their Preniership status with a goalless tome draw with Wimbledon on he final day of the season.

In the Cup quarter-finals, he Saints lost 2-0 to Mancheser United at Old Trafford afer Neil Shipperley had had a controversial goal disallowed. They gained revenge during he run-in, beating the double vinners 3-1 at The Dell. The strikers Jean Pierre Pa-

pag and Dean Saunders could e on their way to Birmigham City in an audacious £2.5m Adouble signing by their new manager, Theyor Francis. Francis has had talks with Papin, the 32-year-old former be augmented by another £5m French international, who for ground redevelopment.

outhampton yesterday sacked neir manager, Dave Merring-Munich, and has agreed a club Munich, and has agreed a club record £1.5m fee with Galatasaray for Saunders. However, the former Derby, Liverpool and Asion Villa forward would prefer Premiership football and may yet join Nottingham Forest. The problem for Forest is that they have to sell Jason Lee and Andrea Silenzi to finance

the deal. Since Francis' arrival at the First Division club in May, he has signed Barry Horne from Everton for £250,000 and Steve Bruce on a free from Manchester United.

Leicester City have joined the list of Premiership clubs viewed as cash cows by investors, with the chairman, Martin George, being forced to step down in favour of a consortium which has pledged £7m for players. George handed over the reins of promoted City after five

years in charge, following a boardroom split led by rebel directors, saying it would be "churlish" not to let go. He will remain as a director.

His successor, Tom Smeaton, has been in talks with outside backers eager for a share of a booming income fuelled by TV money. The cash for players will

### Davids returns home after row with coach

Edgar Davids, the Dutch mid-fielder, is returning home after a row with coach Guus Hiddink. Rob van Lede, the team's press officer, said: "Davids will be going home immediately."

Davids, who is leaving Ajax for Milan in a £3.5m deal after Euro 96, was surprisingly dropped from the starting lineup for the Group A match against Switzerland on Thursday, which the Dutch won 2-0. Davids was quoted in Friday's De Volkskrant newspaper as

saying: This was once [being omitted], but never again. I won't accept it the next time. The coach listens too much to other players." Asked whether he expected to be sent home by his coach, Davids said: "We'll just have to wait and see."

Romania have lodged an official complaint about referee Peter Mikkelsen's handling of Thursday's defeat against Bulgaria at St James' Park Trailing to Hristo Stoichkov's early goal, the Danish official

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disallowed an equaliser from Dorinel Munteanu after his 30-yard shot hit the bar and bounced over the line. The Romanians were so fu-

rious they held a meeting immediately after the match, and their federation issued a statement to Uefa, the European governing body, which said: We would like to convey our deep disappointment and indignation in which our national team was deprived, totally unjustly and totally unfairly, of

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the chance of competing in a fair and unhindered tournament. "We are referring to that grave and undisputed refereeing decision in the 31st minute when a perfectly valid goal was

not allowed to stand.

The Football Supporters' Association has backed Romania's complaint and urged Fifa, the world governing body, to investigate ways of introducing electronic equipment to judge whether or not the ball has

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### Prompting attacks from the deep

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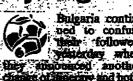
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RIP-OFFS

No 8: A can of Coca-Cola (major Euro 96 spon-sors) cost £1 at St James Park on Thursday. Have you come across any monster rip-offs? If

to watch Euro 96.

#### Bulgarians on the move yet again



hotel at Stockton, near Middesbrough, on Wednesday. "I am told this move to the Holiday lan is definite — for now," said a local Euro 96

Holiday lan is definite — for I like to walk everywhere I can.

I wish I could have swum the spokesman, "but it would be advisable to check."

#### Globetrotter rescued by Geordies Double disaster

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Park on Monday, Cinka suf-

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who calls himself "The Glo-

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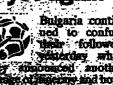
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After watching his heroes

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Bulgaria continued to confuse their followers when they analogical another change of line and hotel the day after their bearing Ro-

mania at St James Park instead of checking into the Redwood Hall Hotel, south of Durham, as they said they had planned; Bulgaria decided to move further north campsite. However, Ciuka, and settle at the Holiday Inn.

and settle at the Honday Inn, north of Newcastle - where the players wives and girl-friends had been staying.

They had previously been staying at Scarborough on the Yorkshire coast but, after couplaining that it was too quiet and remote, switched to a lorel at Stickton, pear Mid-

"Newcastle is a beautiful place and I've had a wonderful time despite what happened to me," he said. "The only thing that depressed me

FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Problema v tom; shtobi zagnat evo v vorota, ... which is Russian for: "The problem is getting it

into the box, Andrei."

#### McCarthy's ban is reprieved The Republic of Ireland man-

ager, Mick McCarthy, has been given a reprieve from a one-match touchline ban, which will allow him to take his place in the dugout for tonight's final US Cup match against Bolivia. McCarthy will return to the Giants Stadium in New Jersey, where he was shown the red card during Wednesday's 2-2 draw with Mexico for throwing the ball into the crowd to deny the opposition a quick free-kick. But he will be without Liam

Daish and Niall Quinn, who were also dismissed that night. One player who will be in action, however, is Middlesbrough's Curus Fleming. The full-back has waited a long time

but in the last 10 weeks has accumulated seven senior caps. With Jeff Kenna absent be-

cause of a hamstring injury, McCarthy's problems have not been helped by the fact that the Watford striker, David Connolly, is also banned after two bookings in the matches to date. he has made six changes for the game with Bolivia. It will be the youngest Irish

side in history with an average age of just 22. Back come goalkeeper Shay Given, defenders Kenny Cunningham and the Terry Phelan, and midfielders Liam O'Brien and Gareth Farrelly with Alan Kernaghan captaining the side in the centre of

for international recognition, defence. Despite his sterling performance against Mexico the veteran Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner will not win his 80th



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meens we obviously have a yely special relationship, but I'd say we're a pretty volatile pair. When it came to racing on the whole, we raced well, but when we weren't happy, then sure it was execerbe cause we were brothers.

Greg and Joney Searle talk

pare for their challenge for a second set of Olympic gold.

in tomorrow's independent on Sunday

The impression that he is constantly toying with the opposition and even the sport itself is the indefible. mark left by this new kin-proved Michael Jardan. Never one to trumpet his own ethereal talents, Jorda was asked during the see son whether or not the te he would end the year the prestigious scoring title Will I lead the lea scoring?" Jordan metorically. "I don't wow. scoring? If I want to in tomorrow's triclests

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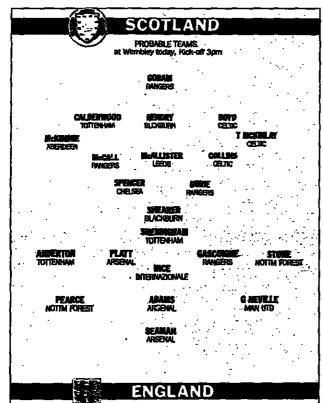
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Peter Corrigen on sport and

ture of the British game, but the reports from Oakland Hills on the US Open golf stay on the pitch, and the fans Norman Fox on the Olympic off it, it could be an epic, if not



# **Eager England in buoyant mood**



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Football Correspondent

As the Dutch and Scottish supporters journeyed to Villa Park on Monday, an Orange-clad supporter turned to a tartan equivalent and said: We hope you beat the English." "Not as much as we hope

The Dutchman, with mock innocence, said: "Oh, you have a grudge against them?" "It goes back to the 1740s," said the Scot, only for a compatriot to interject, in equal seriousness: "It goes back a lot further than that."

Many are the ghosts that stalk this fixture, the oldest in international football. Which will be in evidence this afternoon? Those of Culloden and Bannockburn, or of Jim Baxter and Steve Bull. Banter inspired ter side but Scotland are Scotland's Wembley win of 1967, thus enabling the Scots to cheekily claim to be world champions. Bull was the last man to score in this fixture, his England are yet to emulate. debut goal earning England a

2-0 victory at Hampden Park in 1989 (the first goal was a divng header from Chris Waddle).

Scotland have beaten England only once in 15 years and nine matches. That was through a Richard Gough goal in 1985. Since then the Scottish game has, in most judges' eyes, slipped some way behind the English. Against that Scotland played considerably better against the Netherlands on Monday than England did against Switzerland last Saturday. Will all this history, ancient

or modern, mean anything at 3pm this afternoon? A little. The traditional rivalries dictate that the game will be different from anything else in Euro 96 while Scotland may draw enough strength from ancient enmities and recent performances to counteract the perceived imbalance.

England may appear the betstronger in the key midfield department. Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall and John Collins have achieved a balance which To counter them, England

will start today with Paul Gas-coigne, Paul Ince and, if fit, David Platt. If the captain fails to make it, Jamie Redknapp or Gareth Southgate will replace

Of the English only Stuart Pearce, Tony Adams and Paul Gascoigne (as sub) have experience of these matches. Stewart McKimmie, Ally McCoist and Im Leighton have played in them for Scotland. More expérienced than any

is Bryan Robson, now part of England's coaching staff, who won four and drew two of eight Anglo-Scottish clashes. "It's a great occasion to play in," he said. "I used to love it when the. Scottish supporters booed you when you were on the ball.

"Everybody says it is going to the world. On his day he still is." be a difficult game for us but I. ... Gascogne's battle with Mccan promise it's going to be a difficult game for them too. I'm fed up with hearing about the inter-club contests which may passion the Welsh, Irish and decide the game. The other is Scottish have whereas it's supposed to be just another game Hendry. When asked if he had contest will still be more about for us. There's no question that any Scottish blood in him (Steve guts than grace. If the players

Robson then echoed the clan coming down to watch a classic.

Scotland coach, as he added: "You tend to get a British style of game, end-to-end with blood, thunder and passion, but I've always thought it's the team who uses their head and keeps composed which goes on to win. We want commitment and endevour but we also want cool and calm heads when we're on the ball, we have more skilful play-

thoughts of Craig Brown, the from Kilmarnock), Shearer

replied: "I hope not."

England seemed in bouyant

mood yesterday, Terry Ven-

ables jocularly calling a tartan-

trousered reporter "traitor".

His main decisions concern

who to play in central defence

and on the wings, where Eng-

land believe Scotland are vul-

nerable. Adams and Stone, for

their battling qualities, may be chosen ahead of the more pol-

ished Gareth Southgate and

Scotland have scored only twice in their last five games

one each against Australia and

the USA, and if England get one

goal they should avoid defeat. However, with England still to

face the Netherlands, and Scot-

land meeting Switzerland, the home side are likely to need a

That both sides are expected to play three at the back is an

indication of the changing na-

Steve McManaman.

win to qualify.

ers than Scotland and we have to use that to our advantage." Which leads to Paul Gascoigne. "It's the perfect game for him," Robson added. The Scots have a lot of respect for him as a footballer. "He's nearly back to his best and if he had not had his injuries he would have gone on to be the best in

Call, who will probably manmark him, is one of two Alan Shearer's with Colin our lads will give as much as any Stone having sheepishly ad-scotsman." Stone having a "McStone"

#### Passion and patience THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD the key for Scotland

PHIL SHAW

The baser side of the Scottish psyche may still be demanding "an English heid," but Craig Brown's final rallying cry yes-terday was altogether more measured. "We must play with the head as much as the heart." he said. "I'd settle for a boring Scotland, returning to Wembley after an eight-year absence, would actually be content with a draw. Stalemate would

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The Scots are convinced that they could not have been better prepared. For a start, to use Brown's phrase, they are "com-petition-hardened" - unlike England - having had to qualify from a group including Rus-sia, Greece and Finland. "Even our warm-up games

suit them better than England,

as Brown noted: "We think we

have the easier final fixture, be-

cause we believe the Nether-

lands are a marginally better team than Switzerland."

Inoffensive as such a state-

ment may seem, it is as close as

the Scotland manager has come to criticising any of his country's opponents during their eight days in the heart of England. In

stark contrast with today's hosts,

their stay has been an out-

standing public relations suc-

cess, but Brown is seeking

points rather than plaudits be-

neath the twin towers.

were chosen with tough matches in mind," Brown said. "We played away to Denmark, the European champions, and the United States, as well as Colombia in Miami, which is virtually a home fixture for them.

Jozef Venglos (the former Czechoslovakia coach and Aston Villa manager) recently and he told me that when they won the European Championship in 1976 they lost all three

friendlies beforehand. With respect to Hungary, whom England invited to Wembley, I feel we've had the harder

Even last month's pre-finals trip to the US, at a time when England were trekking to the Far East on their ill-fated jaunt with Cathay Pacific, is now hailed as ideal acclimatisation for the anticipated high tem-peratures in London. "On medical advice, we prepared in Miami so that we'd be able to cope with the heat and humid-ity," Brown said. "That 10 days is now looking very

Brown's men may not overheat, but might the big occasion make them freeze? "We won't be overawed. The guys from Rangers and Celtic play in front of Britain's biggest crowds week in, week out. The Old Firm game is bigger than practically any English fixture. Also, Alan Shearer's experience of European competition is less than, say, Tom Boyd's."

Moreover, England can no longer count on the Scotland goalkeeper to lend the kind of helping hands provided by Frank Haffey (between the posts when they crashed 9-3 in 61) and Stewart Kennedy (5-1 in 75). Under the guidance of Alan Hodgkinson, a former England keeper, the Bury-born Andy Goram has developed into a performer of exceptional technique and sound

temperament. The draw against the Dutch at Villa Park means that Scotland have conceded just three goals in 11 matches during this tournament. And one of those, "We lost all three, but I met in Athens, was a dubious penalty. Yet, if preventing goals has not been a problem, poaching them self-evidently is.

Brown has hinted that Ally McCoist, the only Scotland scorer into double figures, will

play. That could be part of a misinformation campaign, though equally it may reflect an urgent need for goals. Any Scotsman scoring at Wembley is liable to find himself select-

ed for Uefa's drug test. The Scotland manager never reveals his line-up prior to a competitive fixture, let alone the formation in which they might play. It is probably safe to assume that all but one, or at most two, of Monday's side will start this afternoon, although the likelihood is that they will revert to the tried and trusted 3-5-2.

Should that be the case, Tosh McKinlay would almost certainly return on the left of the quintet. Like Stewart McKimmie and Craig Burley, who will contest the right-sided berth. McKinlay is equally comfortable as an orthodox full-back, which would allow Scotland to be flexible in their response to the way England play. It is in midfield that Brown appears to feel that the likes of Gary McAllister and John Collins may have an edge in mobility over Paul Gascoigne and

Those who have built up the game as a "British cup-tie", in which the more patient appreach is put on hold for the day may, Brown argued, be in for a surprise. "We're not putting on the warpaint," he said, predicting a contest where passing would be even more important than passion,

In either instance, he does not expect his team to be found wanting. Bobby Gould, Wales' English manager, proclaimed Brown as a "master of manmanagement" after watching his final press conference. "In a one off like this it could be down to who controls the nervous tension best," Gould said, "At the moment that's Scotland." Back to Bannockburn, page 17

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